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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Protecting Education

THERE are several striking features about the new Education Ordinance, all of which were given weighty emphasis by the Director of Education when he moved the first reading of the Bill yesterday. It is noted with approval the close attention Government has given to safeguarding the reputation of education in Hongkong—though that this should be necessary is a pointed commentary on current conditions. None, however, will deny that certain post-war developments demand there shall be close supervision of educational establishments in the Colony. Measures to this end are incorporated in the new Ordinance. One interesting example is the extension of compulsory registration to all school managers with consequent responsibility thrust on those managers for seeing that their schools are conducted in the manner laid down in the Ordinance. Very welcome also is the provision for the protection of teachers from exploitation by avaricious school managers. While it may appear to be a severe penalty, the refusal to register a school if the salary scales are deemed unreasonable suggests itself as the only really effective guarantee of fair working conditions for teachers.

GOVERNMENT'S determination to prevent certain types of schools from misusing education for subversive and pernicious political purposes is applauded by all right-thinking citizens. The growth of these so-called schools has been distressing, and Government is right in regarding as a serious matter the attempt to instil in the minds of children political ideas that are, as the Hon. D. J. S. Crozier remarked, "entirely alien to those of the free world and gravely prejudicial to the best interests of the children themselves." The functions of schools in Hongkong are clearly defined in the Education Ordinance and are faithfully interpreted by the great majority of our educational institutions. But where they are being usurped the offenders must be treated as persons hostile to the Colony, and prevented from pursuing their insidious and dangerous activities.

TRIAL OF MAU MAU LEADERS

Mystic Ritual Described By Witness

Nairobi, Dec. 3.

A Kikuyu trader told a court on Wednesday that he saw John "Burning Spear" Kenyatta administer the Mau Mau oath after a mystic and savage ritual.

The trader appeared at Kapenguaria as a witness at the opening of the trial of Kenyatta and five other African leaders accused of running the Mau Mau secret society.

The witness said a Kikuyu initiated by Kenyatta had to pledge "when we agree to drive the Europeans away I will take an active part in driving them away or killing them."

Describing the alleged ceremony, the witness said he saw an arch of grass and banana leaves about four feet high.

A gourd containing goat's blood and oil and the contents of a goat's stomach was beside Kenyatta, he said. The tongue and eyes had been taken from a goat's head and the eyes were fixed with thorns to the gourd.

The witness said a young Kikuyu was being initiated and Kenyatta was administering the oath to him.

Kenyatta told him to take off his clothes and shoes and stand still as he was going to be initiated "and then become a true Kikuyu," the witness said.

THE OATH

Kenyatta then asked the man to repeat the oath to drive out the Europeans. Then, said the witness, the initiate had to repeat:

"If you see an African killing anyone you should not tell anyone.

"If you see an African stealing you must help him.

"You must pay 62 shillings and sixpence to this society.—

"I must not ask how this money is used.

"If you are asked whether you are a member of this society you must say you are a member of KAU (Kenya African Union."

After taking this oath, the initiate passed through the archway and ate pieces of goat's meat, the witness said. Each time he passed through, the goat's eyes were pierced afresh and water from them was put to his lips.

The Kikuyu witness said the initiate had to swear the oath seven times.

Then he was ordered to sit on a low stool. A razor blade was used to make cuts on his forearms, back and stomach—seven times at each place, the witness said.

A leaf from a creeping plant was placed on the cuts and then dipped in goat's blood, which the initiate had to lick.

The witness, who spoke in English, then described what happened when his turn for initiation came.

He said he protested against the order to remove his shoes, saying that he did not belong to the Kikuyu church. It was known, he said, that he was a member of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa and as such "I was not prepared to take such an oath."

At this point, he said, an African removed his shoes by force.

He then approached Kenyatta personally, telling him in English "If you force me into this society against my will, I will hold you responsible and no doubt I shall expose everything to the government."

After this approach, the witness said, Kenyatta and another African went away for half an hour.

RELEASED

When they came back the other African told the witness that he could go on condition that he did not reveal what had been going on.

The witness said he undertook not to tell anyone of the ceremony and was then released.

Cross examination of the witness was reserved. The hearing will continue on Thursday.

Kenyatta was accused of managing and being a member of an unlawful organisation—the Mau Mau—between August 12, 1950 and October 21, 1952. Five others were accused of aiding in its management.

They are Fred Kubai, Richard Achieng Onego, Bildad M. Kaggia, Paul Ngei and Kungu Kurumba.

All six, together with others not before the court, were accused of using physical force, threats or intimidation to compel people in Kenya to take illegal oaths.

They are further charged with conspiring together and with others to incite disaffection against the government, to rise discontent against inhabitants of the colony and to promote ill will and hostility between different classes.—Associated Press.

REFUSED ADMISSION

Nairobi, Dec. 3.

One of two lawyers, who arrived here to help defend Jomo Kenyatta has been refused admission to Kenya.

He is Mr Kola Balogun, Bachelor of Law of London University and barrister, and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, who arrived yesterday, but was refused a visitor's permit to enter Kenya.

A spokesman said that the action was taken for security reasons.

Mr Balogun, who is National Secretary of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons, arrived by air and left again by air this morning.

Mr H. O. Davies, another lawyer from Nigeria, who arrived with him is being allowed to stay.

The Gold Coast government today told the African barrister, Kobina Kessir, briefed to aid in the defence of Jomo Kenyatta, that the Kenya government had refused him entry.

Mr Kessir asked the Gold Coast government on Monday to intervene on his behalf when officials told him the Kenya government would require him to have a pass to enter the country.—Reuter.

13,000 SCREENED

London, Dec. 3.

Thirteen thousand people have been detained after initial screening since the Government imposed the state of emergency in Kenya six weeks ago to crush the Mau Mau, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, Colonial Secretary, disclosed today.

He told a questioner in the House of Commons that 2,000 had been freed owing to lack of evidence.

Criminal charges had been preferred or were pending against the rest, of whom 5,000 had been tried, convicted or acquitted.

Mr Lyttelton told Mr Fenner Brockway, Labour member who visited Kenya recently, that he did not think he could obtain a figure for the number of leaders originally rounded up for screening.

The Colonial Secretary said 183 people had been detained under the emergency regulations of whom 41 had been handed over by the Tanganyika Government. Out of these six have so far been charged with criminal offences and were now on trial, Mr Lyttelton added.

"Every facility is granted to persons taken into custody to consult their advocates and contact witnesses," he said.

MURDER CHARGES

Mr Lyttelton said that charges made or pending included murder or attempted murder, managing elements of an unlawful society, offences against the penal code, offences against property, and offences against local and special laws.

Persons are in custody in various prisons and police

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Churchill Booed In Commons

London, Dec. 3.

Mr Winston Churchill was booed in the House of Commons today in one of the angriest scenes in the Parliament for some time.

Labour members were angry because they alleged he had imputed unpatriotism to Mr Emanuel Shinwell, former Labour Defence Minister.

Mr Churchill protested. He asked Sir Charles MacAndrew, Deputy Speaker if it was in order to boo in the House.

Sir Charles rose to reply but Opposition members roared with laughter as Mr William Ross, a Scottish Labour member, shouted: "What else do you say to a goose."

The Deputy Speaker at once ordered Mr Ross to withdraw the remark or withdraw from the House.

But after the uproar which lasted several minutes, Mr Churchill said he did not mind what he was called, and did not press for Mr Ross's departure.

DELAY CRITICISM

The storm blew up when Mr Shinwell pressed the Prime Minister to account for a six months' delay in announcing the appointment of a NATO Supreme Commander in the Mediterranean.

Mr Churchill promised a statement soon, adding:—

"I must warn Mr Shinwell not to be too prophetic about the way things are going. They may not be so unfortunate for this country as he would no doubt wish."

This provoked the Opposition to furious shouts of "withdraw."

The Opposition leader, Mr Clement Attlee, white-faced and angry, said Mr Churchill should know that Mr Shinwell had worked extremely hard to build up the defence of the Western world.

The remark was "entirely unworthy" of Mr Churchill. "The view the Prime Minister holds is not held by his colleagues in other countries," he said.

Later Mr Churchill, left the Chamber amid ironical cheers and more boos from the Labour benches.—Reuter.

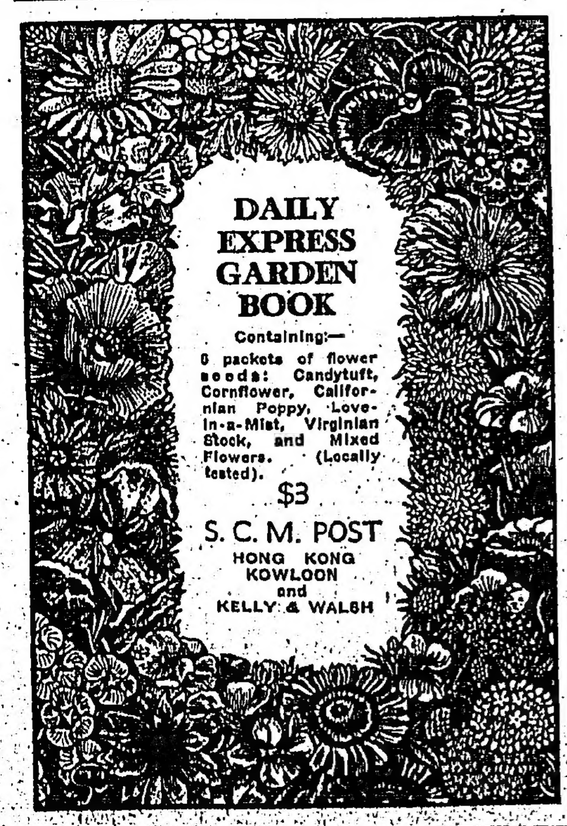
THE GIs WERE NOT AMUSED

Korea, Dec. 4.

As far as GIs shivering in Korea were concerned today, the most unpopular man in the world is an Australian radio announcer.

The announcer commented, during a programme heard by shortwave in Korea, that the temperature in some parts of Australia rose to 108 degrees.

"That's just about 108 degrees more than we have here," chattered one American soldier. —United Press.



Bluffs Way To Freedom

Thirteen year old Michael Tomklewicez arrived in London recently and was re-united with his father, now a Blackburn cotton worker, whom he had last seen when he was six months old. He is seen here walking with his father in Hyde Park. Michael's adventure started when he sold his pet rabbit, took some bread and started off on his 100 mile trip to Berlin, from his mother's house in Poland. When he reached Berlin he was stopped by a policeman, whom he told, "You can't stop me. I am the son of a Russian officer." He then walked into the West Zone, from which, two months later, he was flown to London.—London Express.

7 AFRICANS SHOT DEAD BY POLICE

Nairobi, Dec. 3.

Five policemen surprised a Mau Mau meeting in a farm building last night and shot dead seven Africans who rushed at them with knives, an official statement said today.

An eighth African was wounded.

Superintendent Peter Steenkamp, with two plainclothes police and two white hunters, raided the farm, in the Ol Arabel valley in Thompson's Falls.

They scared away sentries guarding the building and rushed it. The eight men inside refused an order to drop their pangas—short swords.

They rushed at the police who opened fire.

Superintendent Steenkamp said he would have been overwhelmed had he not opened fire.

The body of an African, slashed and bullet-ridden, was found the previous night on a European farm in the same area. Another body of an African was found hanging from a tree on the farm of Mr Desmond Randall whose farm was ransacked some days ago.—Reuter.

Seizure By S'pore Customs

Singapore, Dec. 3.

Sixty-seven cases of motorcar spare parts worth S$400,000 were seized by the Singapore Customs authority here because they were destined for Red China.

The Controller of Customs, Mr J. A. Parker, said today the cargo was being sent from Singapore to Hongkong on the steamer Benavon when seized.

He said it consisted of spark plugs and other electrical equipment, and mechanical parts such as brake shoes.

Most of the cargo is now held at the Port Division Headquarters of the Customs Department. —United Press.

SECRET DEFENCE TALKS

(From Our Correspondent)

London, Dec. 3.

Empire defence talks are to be held in secret this week-end between the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, and the Commonwealth Premiers now in London for the Commonwealth Economic Conference.

Objects of the discussions, which will take place at Mr Churchill's country home, Chequers, are:—

1. To iron out the differences over Britain's wish to enter the Anzus Pact.

2. Reconciling the claims of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation upon the military strength of Britain and Canada with the needs of Commonwealth defence.

3. Providing for an all-out research drive to equip the Commonwealth forces with the most up-to-date weapons.

Exclusion of Britain from the Anzus Pact continues to rankle with the British Government.

NEW APPROACH

It is hoped that after these talks it will be possible to make a new approach to the United States Government, which has hitherto opposed any extension of the Pact.

It is believed in London that the Eisenhower Administration will prove sympathetic to a fresh approach from Britain.

Australia and New Zealand, for their part, seek assurances that the heavy commitment of Britain and Canada in defence of the West will not prejudice the overall structure of Commonwealth strategy.

Rearmament of the Commonwealth with both conventional arms and new atomic weapons is to be considered in the light of the general economic position.

Mr Churchill is to make a statement in Parliament tomorrow on Britain's part in the rearmament drive.

Though there are to be other "spare-time" meetings of Commonwealth leaders at Chequers and at the homes of senior Ministers, this week-end's meeting will be by far the most important.

OVERRULED BY PRES. TRUMAN

Washington, Dec. 3.

President Truman overruled the Wage Stabilisation Board tonight and granted United States coal miners the full $1.90 a day wage increase negotiated with operators by John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers union.—United Press.

UN Assembly Approves Peace Plan

Russia Says No Despite Last-Minute Amendment

United Nations, Dec. 3.

The General Assembly today voted overwhelmingly in favour of India's peace plan for Korea, amended at the last minute in an attempt to meet Russian objections.

But, although delegates gave the plan the biggest vote in favour ever obtained in the General Assembly—54—the Soviet bloc of five voted against. Nationalist China abstained.

The Indian amendment was intended to make it clear that the object of the Indian proposals was to effect an immediate ceasefire in Korea.

By large majorities the Assembly voted down a list of Soviet amendments which would have turned the Indian resolution into the Russian ceasefire plan, already rejected by the United Nations.

Mr Lester Pearson, Canadian President of the Assembly, will now send the terms of the Indian plan to Communist China and North Korea, asking for their comment before the current General Assembly ends.

He was directed to report back to the Assembly "as soon as appropriate."

The amendment had met immediate criticism from Russia's Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky. He said it would prolong hostilities.

But, although the Soviet bloc voted against the plan itself, they merely abstained from the vote on the amendment, passed by 53 votes with none against.

PREAMBLE AMENDED

The Indian delegate, Mr Krishna Menon, introduced into a plenary session of the General Assembly an amendment which would make an immediate ceasefire an integral part of the Indian resolution.

The Indian plan for breaking the Korean truce deadlock, which calls for the establishment of a repatriation commission to handle the controversial war prisoners issue, was adopted by an overwhelming vote in the Political Committee on Monday night. Only the Soviet group of five voted against it.

The preamble of the Indian resolution as amended today would now read:

"The General Assembly, accordingly, requests the President of the General Assembly to communicate the following proposals to the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and to the North Korean authorities as forming a just and reasonable basis for agreement so that an immediate ceasefire would result and be effected, to invite their acceptance of these proposals, and to make a report to the General Assembly during its present session and as soon as appropriate."

Mr Menon, author of the Indian plan, speaking before the voting, said the purpose of the resolution was to bring about an armed settlement which would lead to a termination of hostilities.

ALL VICTORS

"In submitting this resolution to you we rely upon public opinion of all countries. Grasp it in the spirit in which it is offered. For just as in war there are in finality no victors, and no vanquished in this approach to peace. We are all victors."

Sir Percy Spender of Australia pointed out that the Indian amendment might give the impression to the Communists that the United Nations was prepared to accept an immediate ceasefire without any guarantee that the Communists would subsequently accept the Indian plan.

He suggested that the Indian amendment should be placed at the end of the preamble to the resolution so that the Communists would, in effect, be asked to accept the Indian plan first "so that an immediate ceasefire would result and be effected."

The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Vyshinsky, who led the opposition to the Indian plan and announced China's rejection of it in the Assembly's Political Committee, today again criticised it as a "draft which does not contain anything that would be conducive to an immediate ceasefire" despite the introduction of India's amendment today.

On the contrary, he said, it would prolong hostilities.

VOTED DOWN

The Assembly also voted down by large majorities a list of Soviet amendments to the Indian resolution. These would have brought it into line with the Soviet resolution on Korea by laying down that there should first be a ceasefire and that the controversial prisoner issue should be sent to a commission which would examine the whole Korean problem. None of the six Soviet amendments received more than five votes.

Voting against them ranged from 52 in one case to 43 in another. In most of the amendments the vote against was 46. On three there were nine abstentions, mostly members of the Asian-Arab group.—Reuter.

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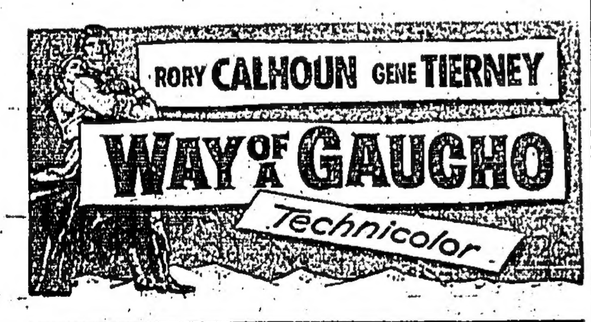

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Tito's Wife Casts Vote

Mme. Jovanka Broz, wife of Marshal Tito, Dictator of Yugoslavia, casts her vote during the elections in Belgrade for the Local People's Committee of Belgrade. — Express Photo.

Eisenhower Cabinet Ministers Study The Change-Over

Washington, Dec. 3.

Mr John Foster Dulles started breaking in today on one of the world's toughest jobs.

The 64-year-old New York attorney who will be Secretary of State in Mr Dwight Eisenhower's Cabinet, arrived in the capital for change-of-administration conferences with top diplomatic and defence officials and Congressional leaders.

His first appointment today was with the retiring Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, who returned on Tuesday night from the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Close on Mr Dulles' heels came another member of the Eisenhower Cabinet, 62-year-old George N. Humphrey, a Cleveland industrialist, who will take over the Treasury Department on January 20. The out-going Secretary of the Treasury, Mr John W. Snyder, was waiting to conduct Mr Humphrey on a "get acquainted" tour of the Treasury.

With little more than six weeks to go before the change-over from Democratic to Republican rule, Eisenhower appointees were showing up in a steady stream to size up their new responsibilities.

Mr Harold E. Stassen was here yesterday to confer with Mr Averell Harriman, his predecessor as Mutual Security Administrator. The in-coming Defence Secretary, Mr Charles E. Wilson, paid a similar visit to the capital last week.

Advance word was that Mr Humphrey would spend only a day or two on his preliminary survey. But Mr Dulles, who already knows the inner working of the State Department from his previous experience as a special adviser to Mr Acheson on Far Eastern problems, was getting down to work in earnest.

Among other things he faced an early decision on whether he will accompany Mr Acheson to Europe for an important North Atlantic Treaty meeting beginning in Paris on December 15. At Paris 14 NATO powers will discuss mutual defence goals for 1953 and exchange views on East-West relations and world danger spots.

Already prepared for Mr Dulles are five "briefing books" outlining the duties of 28,000 diplomatic officials and employees at home and abroad, existing American foreign policies with all nations and emergency course of action prepared to meet any new world crisis. The reviews were prepared by the State Department's Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Council.

After talking to Mr Acheson, Mr Dulles is expected to step outside the State Department for talks with the Defence Secretary, Mr Robert A. Lovett, and with Congressional leaders on future bi-partisan foreign policy co-operation.

During his first post-election visit to Washington, Mr Dulles also may tackle the initial phases of such problems as these:

SECURITY RISKS

1. — Replacing all top State Department policy makers and recommending many new faces for ambassadorial and ministerial posts overseas.

2.—Reorganising the State Department to streamline its operations and increase its ability to make foreign policy.

3.—A new top to bottom hunt for loyalty or security risks in the State Department.

Mr Dulles has already asked the FBI to check his own career for loyalty and security—a move that is certain to be a forerunner of tighter standards for lesser diplomats.—United Press.

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Pakistan Backs Demand Of Arab States Over Palestine

United Nations, Dec. 3.

Pakistan urged the United Nations today to enlarge its Palestine Conciliation Commission from three to five members and move the Commission's headquarters from New York to Jerusalem in an effort to help solve the smouldering Holy Land dispute.

Professor Ahmed S. Bokhari, Pakistan's permanent United Nations representative, expressed support of the Arab States' demand that direct negotiations with Israel be conducted in the light of previous United Nations General Assembly recommendations on Palestine.

Prof. Bokhari said that his country had close ties with the Arab world in view of their common religion — Islam — and that Pakistan did not view the Israeli-Arab dispute as a question of anti-Semitism.

The Israeli "blueprint for peace" in the Middle East called for the by-passing of previous United Nations resolutions and the "structure will not stand because the first brick is not straight".

The Israeli Government, he said, would have Palestine negotiators "ignore all United Nations resolutions on Palestine —except the resolution which established Israel as a State."

Prof. Bokhari said that the Arabs of Palestine were "sorry and unfortunate victims of international power politics."

The Pakistan dispute, he said, was "essentially political and amenable to political solution." He added that the eight-Power resolution calling on Israel and the Arab States to enter into direct negotiations was tantamount to telling the Palestine Conciliation Commission to "stand by and watch the negotiations through a telescope."

NOTHING NEW

Speaking of the Palestine Arabs, Prof. Bokhari said, "Some are born neighbours, some achieve neighbourhood and some have neighbourhood thrust upon them—that is what has happened to the Arabs."

Dr Mohammed Fadil al Jamali, Foreign Minister of Iraq, said that the Arab States were "not ready to have Zionist colonialism replace European colonialism" in the Middle East. He said there was nothing new in the Israeli peace plan presented by Ambassador Abba S. Eban and that it contained "subtle colonialism".

He said, "We know very well that there is today a peace offensive declared by the Zionists in America on the issue of Palestine. The Zionist Press and Zionist speeches continue to reiterate their desire for peace with the Arab States. Believe me, gentlemen, all this talk will not bring peace. What will bring about peace is a change of heart and a change of attitude, a readiness to recognise the other side's rights and to acknowledge them."

Jamali told the United Nations Special Political Committee, "We believe that a meeting of Arab States with Israel will serve no purpose unless and until Israel recognises United Nations resolutions and expresses its readiness to implement them.

"The Arabs of Palestine have already sacrificed much and suffered much. It is time that their voice should be heard and their rights, already maimed by resolutions of the United Nations, should be restored for the sake of the United Nations, for the sake of Eastern-Western amity and understanding and for the sake of peace and stability in the Middle East."—United Press.

Big Reward For Red

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 3.

The Malayan Government is offering a S$75,000 reward for information leading to the capture alive of Tan Boon Tien, a State committee member of the Malacca branch of the Malayan Communist Party.

Tan, a Hainanese, aged 26, was a former member of the Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army which fought the occupation forces. He speaks three dialects of Chinese and also English.

The Government is also offering S$100 to anyone who can produce a photo of Tan.—Associated Press.

All Work And No Play

London, Dec. 3.

The wife of a former British Ambassador to Moscow says one thing the Russians definitely lack is sex appeal.

Lady Kelly, wife of Sir David Kelly, who returned from Russia last year, said the Soviet Union struck her as the most puritanical country in the world—all work and no sex.

She told a lecture audience she had never attended a Russian film that had the slightest suggestion of sex appeal or seen a couple embrace in public.

"I found small children friendly and well cared for," Lady Kelly said, "but the propaganda affected them when they got to school, and from the age of 14 you notice a hardening in their stare when they realise you are not one of them."—Associated Press.

INDONESIAN MINISTER RESIGNS

Djakarta, Dec. 3.

The Defence Minister, Sultan Hamengk Buwono, the focal point of a lengthy dispute between the nation's armed forces and Parliament, was reported to have resigned today.

The Sultan was not available for comment but the Information Minister, Armold Mononutu, refused to confirm or deny the resignation report and said further information would be supplied after a Cabinet meeting tonight.

The long-standing dispute over Defence Ministry policies reached the crisis stage in October when thousands of army sympathisers rioted in the capital.

President Sukarono restored law and order by an appeal to the rioters and promised speedy national elections.

No date for Indonesia's elections—they will be the nation's first since the present Parliament was appointed—has yet been fixed.

Informed quarters said that the Sultan had quit because he had grown weary of the Government's refusal to take a strong stand to support the policies of his Ministry following criticism from Parliament and the army controversy.—United Press.

ULTIMATUM TO STRIKERS

Miami, Dec. 3.

Eastern Airlines resumed some Constellation flights today and told striking flight engineers to return to work by 7 p.m. GMT (3 a.m. HKT Thursday) or lose their jobs.

EAL officials said a Super-Constellation took off from Miami International Airport manned by a flight engineer supervisor.—Associated Press.

Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 3.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. has been elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Rockefeller Foundation, succeeding John Foster Dulles. — Associated Press.

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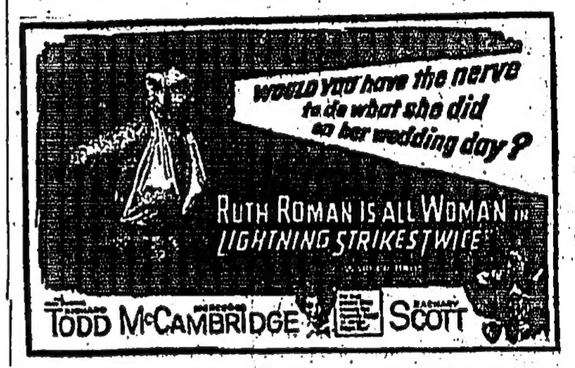

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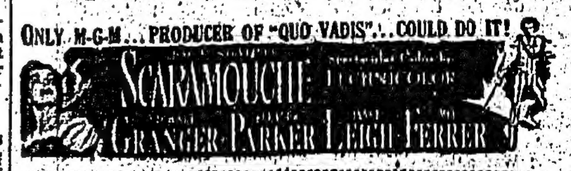

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(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Dec. 3.

Some form of international agreement to stabilise commodity prices is considered by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers to be imperative if a repetition of the recent extreme price fluctuations, with all their damaging effects on the Sterling Area economies, is to be avoided.

The Ministers, who resumed their London economic conference today, considered this problem against the statistical background of wide swings in prices for many Sterling and dollar commodities since the outbreak of the Korean war.

They had before them figures which show that though the prices of most Sterling commodities have now returned to their pre-Korean level — and are in some cases even lower — certain American commodities, especially in the mineral and food groups, are still well above the mid-1950 level.

The conference agreed that some form of stabilisation arrangement between the main producers and consumers would be beneficial to all concerned.

Generally speaking the Ministers are in favour of doing this by international agreements to be worked out one by one in relation to the individual circumstances of each commodity.

The conference also agreed it was desirable to set up machinery for calling Commonwealth meetings to deal with "commodity emergencies" if and when they arise. Purpose of these meetings would be to enable the Commonwealth countries to take collective action to prevent or arrest a serious fall in Sterling commodity prices.

Some reference was made during today's meeting of Prime Ministers to the possibility of a joint approach to the United States on the question of commodity price policy. This was considered desirable though the Ministers thought it too early to make any firm plans for such an approach.

FINANCE AND TRADE

No concrete proposals for stabilising commodity prices are expected to emerge during the present conference, though it is thought likely the Ministers will agree on steps that should be taken within the Commonwealth to deal with cases of extreme urgency.

At this morning's session of the conference the subject of finance and trade was again under discussion and a small sub-committee of officials was set up to deal with certain technical matters raised by the Finance Ministers' group which is making a special study of this aspect of policy.

During the general discussion the Prime Ministers outlined their individual approach to the main problems of finance and trade.

Imperial Preference was discussed in the context of long-term policy, and this subject will be further studied by officials before it is taken up again by the Ministers.

STILL PRECARIOUS

So far as short-term policy is concerned the Prime Ministers expressed their satisfaction with the rise in gold reserve last month.

They confirmed their forward balance of payments estimates in support of the hope that the Sterling Area could look forward to some stability in reserves until at least the middle of next year.

But there was general agreement that the state of the reserves was still too precarious to allow of any relaxation in the internal disinflationary policies adopted by the Sterling Commonwealth countries.

Tomorrow the Commonwealth Premiers will attend a Cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street when, it is understood, the main subject for discussion will be the Korean deadlock, which is itself one of the great imponderables of the present economic situation.

The conference is not now expected to go on beyond the middle of next week.

PREFERENCES ISSUE

London, Dec. 3.

Commonwealth statesmen today failed to see eye to eye over a proposal seeking the right to extend Imperial Preference, the trading fence built around the British Commonwealth and Empire.

Three countries are believed to have supported the idea. The remaining six were said to be unenthusiastic.

There was no official information available immediately after the meeting, but usually reliable sources said the conference had asked officials to give further study to the whole question of Imperial Preferences.

The right to extend Preferences could be given only if G.A.T.T. (the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs) were willing to relax its rules.

G.A.T.T., set up at Havana in 1945, had bound 30 member nations to stabilise world tariff rates. These nations include Commonwealth countries.

Imperial Preferences—disliked by many countries outside the British group—give Commonwealth countries lower tariffs in their trade with each other.

CANADA LUKEWARM

Imperial Preferences in the past 20 years have helped to build up the Commonwealth, the world's biggest trading unit. The area now has an annual export-import turnover of £12,750,000,000

But some of the countries belonging to the group are doubtful about the wisdom of extending a system that cuts across the concept of freer world trade.

Canada, for instance, is lukewarm about Imperial Preferences and gives wholehearted support to G.A.T.T.

The extension of Imperial Preferences visualised by some of the Commonwealth statesmen would not mean that other countries would be brought into the system.

At present only certain specified lists of goods—the Commonwealth countries have different bi-lateral agreements with each other on what kind of goods—get the benefit of the lower tariffs.

An extension of the Preferences would mean that a wider range of commodities would be affected.

The proposal now under discussion has nothing to do with the Council of Europe's Strasbourg Plan which proposes the improving of economic relations between the Council's members and the overseas countries with which they have constitutional links.

The Council of Europe has submitted this plan for examination to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference.—Reuter.

Vital Debate In Bonn

To Discuss Treaty Ratification

Bonn, Dec. 3.

The West German Bundestag (Lower House) today began a momentous three-day debate on final ratification of Bonn's treaties to rearm in alliance with the free world.

Extra police were posted throughout the area of the Federal Parliament building to guard against possible Communist demonstrations. Communist Party Headquarters at Duesseldorf called for public demonstrations and strikes throughout West Germany to protest against what the Reds called the "war treaties."

Few believed the Communist campaign would have much success. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer appeared confident that his majority would bring the treaties through to adoption.

The pacts are the Allied-West German peace contract which gives the Federal Republic near sovereignty and the six-nation European Defence Community treaty under which Germany would raise a half million dollars for a European army.

MOTION REJECTED

A Communist motion to throw out the treaties as "a menace to peace and a work of the American imperialist war mongers" was rejected.

Formal debate was introduced with a series of general reports on the bulky treaties. After the reports, a spokesman for the anti-rearmament Socialist opposition, was scheduled to speak on the treaties and their relation to German unification. Then Chancellor Adenauer will deliver the Government's argument for ratification.

This will launch a 16-hour verbal duel which, if the Government has its way, will culminate in a final vote on Friday.

The Socialists and their anti-treaty adherents are expected to fight to the last to postpone the vote. They want to defer a decision until the Federal Supreme Court rules on a test of whether rearmament is unconstitutional.—Associated Press.

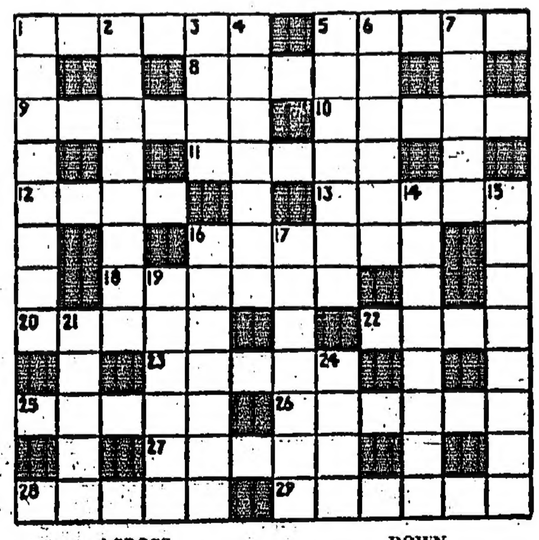
Queen Elizabeth Entertains

London, Dec. 3.

Queen Elizabeth II gave a dinner at Buckingham Palace tonight for the Ministers attending the Commonwealth Economic Conference and their wives. Seven Prime Ministers attended.

The dinner was the largest given by Queen Elizabeth at the Palace since she became Queen last February.—Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Wading-bird (6).
5 Funereal song (5).
8 Senior diplomat (5).
9 Weaken (6).
10 Perpendicular (5).
11 Offal (5).
12 Brace (4).
13 Speak eloquently (5).
16 Reposed (6).
18 Dodges (6).
20 Fops (5).
22 Salary (4).
23 Opportunity (5).
25 Allotment (5).
26 Proclamations (6).
27 Lengthwise (5).
28 Sheen (5).
29 Annoys (6).

DOWN

1 Injured (6).
2 Mended (8).
3 Prepare for press (4).
4 Harassed (7).
5 Tyrants (7).
6 Stick fast (6).
7 Welcome (5).
14 Makes progress (8).
15 Outgoings (8).
16 Rogues (7).
17 Snake (7).
19 Wax matches (6).
21 Normal (5).
24 Brink (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across—1 Swarms, 5 Drear, 8 Elso, 9 Mimosa, 11 Goths, 12 Sister, 14 Herd, 16 Dealt, 18 Abode, 19 Felt, 20 Rouge, 24 Drive, 25 Sortie, 26 Aver, 27 Scent, 28 Starch. Down—1 Sump, 2 Aims, 3 Moss, 4 Slated, 5 Degrade, 6 Retreat, 7 Resent, 10 Oiled 15 Parades, 14 Hostile, 15 Retreat, 17 Elder, 19 Palace, 21 Bore, 22 Sun, 23 Meet.

Modern Dances Under Fire

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 3.

Proponents of ballroom dancing have started a campaign here to oust hot swing and jive dancing.

Banded together as the Selangor Society of Amateur Dancers, followers of graceful dancing have been teaching about 80 youths and girls the niceties of ballroom style.

"It is shocking to see the way some people dance these days—nothing but sheer vulgarity," an official of the society said.—Associated Press.

Empty City Will Come To Life

"Mussolini's Folly"

Rome, Dec. 3.

An empty city whose half-built marble palaces have heard only their builders' footsteps will come to life next Spring.

It is "Mussolini's Folly," a collection of grandiose buildings designed to house Rome's 1942 Exhibition, with which the Duce planned to stun the world.

But the war interrupted his ambitious project and much of the work remained unfinished.

Now a group of Italian landowners and industrialists have joined together to use the city for an international agricultural fair which is going to be the largest ever held in the world.

Lying on the way from Rome to the sea, it is already equipped with roads, sewers, water and electricity and it even boasts something that Rome itself does not have—an underground railway.

At present the underground starts on the outskirts of Rome and leads out almost to nowhere—a large field in the middle of "Mussolini's Folly" where sheep now graze.

The agricultural fair organisers plan to use the underground to take visitors there, and the Rome Town Council has promised that by the Spring the underground will be linked to the main railway stations.

During the war the British Eighth Army used the empty palaces as garages for their tanks, and their walls echoed to the voices of British soldiers.

Delegation To Boycott UN Debate

Paris, Dec. 3.

A French Foreign Office spokesman said today that the French delegation would not be present at the debate on North Africa in the United Nations Organisation.

He said that, in his speech to the United Nations last month, the French Foreign Minister, M. R. Schuman, had made it clear that the French delegation would boycott the meeting.

The French Office spokesman pointed out that a Tunisian Nationalist leader, Salah Ben Youssef, had been accredited as Counsellor to the Iraqi delegation in the United Nations.

(Salah Ben Youssef was a Minister in the Chenik Tunisian Ministry which was dismissed by the French Resident-General earlier this year).

"This is a very serious and regrettable precedent," the spokesman said.

Salah Ben Youssef will presumably be speaking as an Iraqi.

"All this may lead to an unfortunate precedent. Any private individual may now try and get enrolled on a United Nations delegation to attempt to air his private grievances before the United Nations Assembly."—Reuter.

GESTURE BY BRITAIN

Bonn, Dec. 3.

Britain has decided to return confiscated trademarks to Western Germany.

The West German Government's Information Bulletin today said that Britain had informed the Government that, following German representations and subject to the justified interests of British subjects, it will return old German trademarks free of charge to the the Germans entitled to them.

Negotiations are in progress with the United States, France and other countries for the return of trademarks.—Reuter.

"Cursing Parrot" Mystery

Chicago, Dec. 3.

A "cursing parrot" of Brookfield Zoo became a more controversial bird today.

Two women are at present on record as having heard the blasphemer.

The bird was put in the limelight first when an unidentified woman wrote a scorching letter to a Chicago newspaper.

She said that a parrot in the Zoo had cursed her with such vigour it would make "a sailor blush" and demanded the culprit's death.

The Zoo's director, Mr Robert Bean, jumped to the defence of his feathered friends.

But a second woman reporting on the offending bird said, "I don't think that story of the cursing parrot is a myth."

She added: "There is such a bird at Brookfield. I know because it cused me out good and plenty one day last Summer."

Mr Bean said: "I still don't see how anyone could say one of our birds used honest-to-goodness cuss words."

A newspaperman reported that he had tried to interview all of the birds but could find no trace of the "cursing parrot".—United Press.

FRENCH POLICE UNCOVER BIG SMUGGLING RING

Currency Racket In North Africa

(From Sydney Smith)

Casablanca, Dec. 3.

French Moroccan police have uncovered a £1,000,000 smuggling racket between Morocco and Tangier.

They have arrested an American, William Gelberg (who possessed five passports), three Spaniards, one Moroccan and another American, who admitted being an agent for at least 100 businessmen getting their money out through Tangier.

In Tangier it can be changed into any currency for the purchase of American cargoes.

Most of the men whom Gelberg represented were French-Moroccans, hoping to avoid currency control regulations.

Gelberg's account books, listing all the customers for whom he smuggled cash to Tangier, have been seized by French Moroccan police and a major scandal is feared in Casablanca business quarters.

Aggravating this currency smuggling is the fact that 37 Franco-American soldiers who are now in business in Morocco want a Hague Court ruling giving them unrestricted import privileges into the country.

And they are causing French businessmen there serious concern.

ONLY MINOR PART

In Tangier, just next door, world currencies as well as gold can be changed freely.

Further, Tangier lives on the world's 'panic' money and acts as a bank for those who fear that cash in their own countries may fall in value.

The International Police know that the smuggling of currency from French Morocco to Tangier is only a minor part of the International Zone's vast exchange business.

Some of Tangier's 'exchange' offices and 'mushroom' banks now offer to transfer currencies through different national exchange controls for a charge of only 2½ per cent.

A year ago the sea smugglers based in Tangier held most of this trade and brought in currency from Marseilles at rates of 7½ to 10 per cent.—London Express Service.

German War Criminals To Keep Property

Berlin, Dec. 3.

Four of the top Nazi war criminals in Spandau Prison are to retain their West Berlin property for the present because a West Berlin denazification court has suspended hearing of their cases indefinitely.

The four are:

Albert Speer, Hitler's armaments and construction chief;

Baldur von Schirach, Hitler's youth leader;

Grand-Admiral Karl Doenitz, Hitler's successor in the last days of the war, and

Baron Constantin von Neurath, former Foreign Minister of Germany.

Court officials said proceedings to decide the fate of their property had been suspended because Allied prison officials had not allowed the prisoners to see their lawyers or prepare their defence.—Reuter.

Search For Governess' Assailant

Casablanca, Dec. 3.

Police were searching today for an unidentified man, possibly an Algerian or Tunisian, who assaulted a 50-year-old Swedish governess here last week-end.

Ingr Lisa Anderson, who arrived in Morocco only a few weeks ago to work for a Norwegian family living here, was reported to have met the man in a cabaret on Saturday night. After they had had a few drinks together, he offered to drive her home.

On the way, he attacked her, robbing her of her bag which contained some dollar bills and Moroccan francs.

The woman was taken to hospital, suffering from severe shock. She left the hospital on Tuesday.—Associated Press.

Negro's Post

Geneva, Dec. 3.

An American Negro, Dr Jerome S. Peterson, has been appointed Director of the Public Health Services of the World Health Organisation.

He has been Chief Medical Officer of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the Gaza area.

He will take up his new post in Geneva on December 8.—Reuter.

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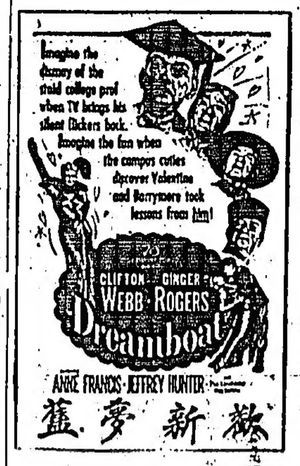

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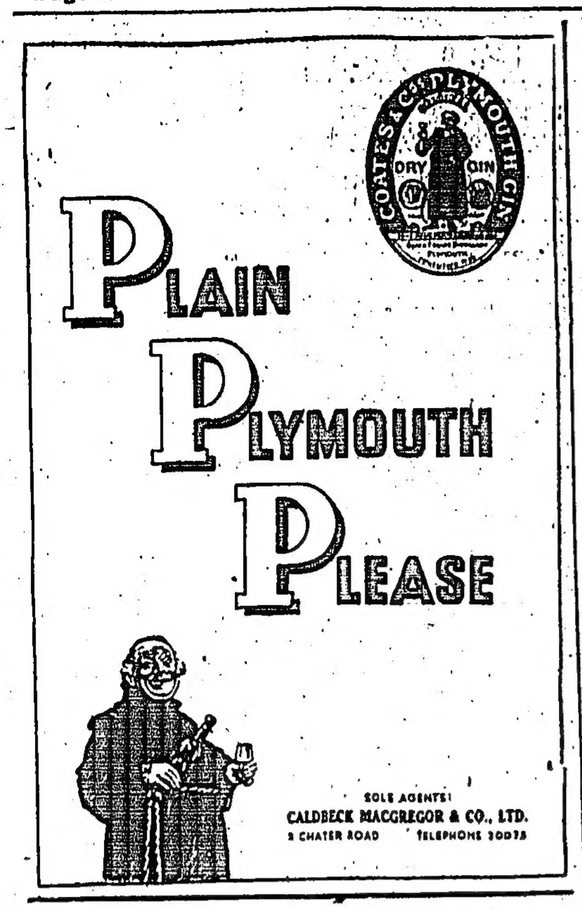

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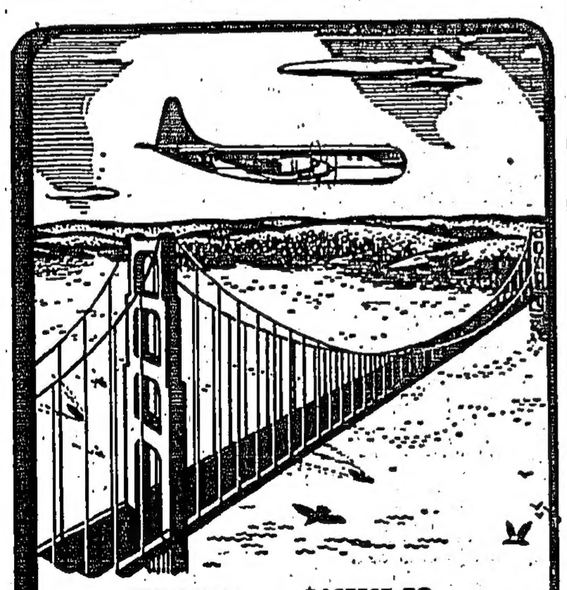

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SO HAIG HIMSELF WAS QUITE AN INTRIGUER

—behind the classic clash with Lloyd George

by FRANK OWEN

IT is claimed by the publishers that Lord Haig's private papers* throw a new light on history. It will be allowed by every careful reader that they throw quite a new light on Lord Haig.

The writer presents his own personality as that of a simple, selfless, dedicated soldier, who only wanted to win the war, while the intriguing politicians only wanted to win votes.

The diary informs us, however, that already in the first week of the war (August 11, 1914) the simple soldier was busily denigrating his own old friend and present Commander-in-Chief, Field-Marshal Sir John French. He continued to do so until French was sacked, and superseded by himself.

Throughout its pages the author continues to damn his military superiors, equals, subordinates, and allies.

Thus Field-Marshal French is "unfit to command," Generals Sir Henry Wilson and Sir Henry Rawlinson are "humbugs." Marshal Foch is "untrustworthy," "a schemer" and "useless".

CUR . . . GASBAG

As for the politicians! Lloyd George is a "cur." Bonar Law is "feeble." Lord Milner is "a tired, dyspeptic old man. Lord Curzon is a "gasbag." "It is a rest to have Sir Edward Carson to lunch after Winston Churchill. He is so straightforward and single-minded," Lord Derby is a "genial Judas."

And our Allies! Well, for the French "the nearest way to their hearts, including that of the 'Generalissimo' (Joffre) is down their throats."

Haig's genuine differences with Lloyd George went deep. Haig was a "Westerner." He believed that the war could be won nowhere else but on the Western Front. He thought that if only he could be given enough men he could break through.

Lloyd George was an "Easterner." He believed that we could not spare the vast numbers of men needed to break through that mighty rampart of mud, mines, barbed wire, and concrete pill-boxes.

He thought that we could turn the enemy flank instead, possibly in the Balkans, possibly in Italy. After the Battle of Loos in 1915, where the British Army sacrificed 60,000 men to gain a few acres of trenches, Lloyd George was increasingly doubtful of that oft-promised "breakthrough" in the West.

When Haig followed up Loos with further and even costlier failures on the Somme, at Passchendaele, and Cambrai (he had 900,000 casualties in killed, wounded and missing in 15 months), Lloyd George doubted still more if Haig was the man for the job of military leadership, anyway.

So Lloyd George sought to set up a Supreme Allied Command above Haig. In the end, it was forced on him by harsh events. It was the Germans who came nearest to breaking through in the West when they attacked in March 1918.

It has been asserted that Haig had been deliberately starved of men, and therefore, is not to be blamed for this near-disaster.

It is certainly true that Lloyd George was unwilling to go on providing him with unlimited drafts for what he called "these fatuous, fatal, bull-headed offensives."

Haig's diary shows that (a) Haig was given repeated warning of the impending enemy offensive, and (b) that he wrote that his only anxiety was that it might be cancelled.

IT WAS HAIG

WHEN the blow fell General Petain's French Army began to retire upon Paris, threatening to break contact with the British Army. Then, in a hurry, Haig himself telegraphed urging that Foch be appointed in the command over both armies. So much the diary testifies.

It is claimed, at the same time, that it was therefore Haig who was really responsible for setting up the Supreme Allied Command!

History will surely be illumined afresh by the new light which is cast by this final beam from the diary of Lord Haig.

* *The Private Papers of Douglas Haig, 1914-1919. Edited by Robert Blake (Eyre and Spottiswoode, 25s.).*

Haig, Joffre, Lloyd George. Date: September 1916. Place: France. Discussion?. The Breakthrough; note L.G.'s quizzical look.

GEORGE V BACKED HIM

by THOMAS WILSON

REVEALED in the Haig Papers is the field-marshal's friendship with King George V—his best friend in the battle with Lloyd George.

The King was his powerful aide, too, in Haig's intrigues against Sir John French (later Lord Ypres) and Kitchener.

In 1915 French bungled the battle of Loos by refusing to hand over the reserves to Haig in time to exploit a breakthrough. French, in a deceitful report, blamed Haig, who immediately wrote to Kitchener.

A week later he was telling Lord Haldane, and then Lord Robertson, the Chief of the General Staff. Finally the King himself was advised that French should go. The King told Asquith, then Premier. French went. Haig took his place.

It was in 1916 that the King had written secretly to Haig: "I hope you will from time to time write to me quite freely... Naturally I shall consider your letters in the strictest confidence."

So when, a year later, Haig learned of a Lloyd George plan to replace him by a Frenchman, he wrote promptly to the King telling all and offering his resignation. Lord Stamfordham, the King's private secretary, replied that the War Cabinet's decision had not reached the King until four days after the Calais conference at which Haig learned of the plan.

Lloyd George, probably aware of Haig's royal friendship and past intrigues, had almost certainly decided to keep the King in ignorance.

Within a week Haig was in Buckingham Palace. He wrote that the King "was furious with Lloyd George and said he was to see him to-morrow."

The King warned Haig not to resign or Lloyd George might call an election and win a great majority.

The Haig-Lloyd George feud went on even after victory.

Lloyd George arranged an allied victory drive through London with Haig in the fifth coach. This was "more of an insult than I can put up with, even from the Prime Minister.

"The real truth, which history will show, is that the British Army has won the war in France in spite of L. G., and I have no intention of taking part in any triumphal ride with Foch, or with any pack of foreigners, through the streets of London, mainly to add to L. G.'s importance and help him in his election campaign."

Nor did he.

Haig's diaries are shot through with fear for French morale and distrust of their generalship and fighting ability.

In February 1916 he was saying French troops and commanders were good; but a month later he wrote: "There are not many officers in the French staff with gentlemanly ideas. They are out to get as much from the British as they possibly can."

Tannu Tuva—Lesson In Soviet Imperialism

By HUGH SUTHERLAND

IF you fly 2,000 miles due North from Rangoon you will reach the wild and mountainous frontier of Tannu Tuva. Of all the many territories which have fallen victims of the designs of Soviet Russia, it is perhaps the most remote and certainly the most forgotten.

Few people could tell you where it is. In fact, it lies in the very heart of Russian Asia, just North of the 50th parallel. It is therefore in the same latitude as Cracow, Prague, Luxembourg, Dieppe and Winnipeg.

It has an area roughly equal to that of Korea, and a population of 70,000. To the East of it extends Lake Baikal. To the South, beyond the desolation of the Tannu-ola Mountains, is the Soviet-dominated Outer Mongolia. Still further to the South are the creeping sand dunes, the bitter lakes, and the buried cities of the Gobi.

But, if few people can locate Tannu-Tuva without the aid of an atlas, fewer still can remember any of its history and what happened there eight years ago.

ANNEXATION

RUSSIA had long had designs on Tannu Tuva. While Mongolia was part of China, Tannu Tuva, then known as the Uryankhai region, was part of the Province of Mongolia. In 1911 the Mongols declared their separation from China. In the following year the Imperial Russian Government concluded a treaty with Outer Mongolia, promising to lend Mongolia "assistance in order to preserve her present autonomy." Tannu Tuva became inaccessible to the Chinese Army and Chinese administration as a result of this separation, and the pace of Russian penetration, which had begun in the 1860's, when her merchants first went to Tuva, quickened.

A suggestion that Russia should then annex Tannu Tuva, made by the Russian Charge d'Affaires in Peking, was submitted to Nicholas II by his Foreign Minister, Sazonov, who added that such an annexation would be neither justifiable nor opportune. The Czar did not agree with his Minister. "I, on the contrary," he wrote, "am in full agreement with the Charge d'Affaires in Peking."

In 1918 it was therefore decided to appoint a special "border commission" for Tannu Tuva. Outer Mongolia also claimed jurisdiction over Tannu Tuva, but the Russian Government continued successfully to oppose the unification of Tuva with Mongolia, desired by the people of Tuva, and to work for the establishment of a Russian protectorate.

AN OBLAST

IN 1918 Tannu Tuva was again occupied by Chinese troops, but in the early twenties, the Red Army re-established Russian control and the "Tuvinian People's Republic" was created.

On August 17, 1944, a special session of the Little Hural (Governmental Council) of Tuva signed a petition addressed to the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, asking for Tuva's incorporation in the Soviet Union. The wishes of the people were not considered; there was no plebiscite or referendum.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet agreed to the request and on October 13, 1944, the Tuvinian People's Republic became part of the Soviet State, as the "Tuvinian Autonomous Oblast."

Today, deprived of every vestige of autonomy and robbed of its whole political status, it is merely an "oblast" (or region) within that sprawling land-mass known as the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic.

THE MOSLEMS

IT has, in fact, met the same fate as two other former "Soviet People's Republics"—Bokhara and Khorezm, previously known as the Emirate Bokhara and the Khanate of Khiva. Both the "People's Republics," like Tannu Tuva, were formerly outside the Soviet Union, and were linked with the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic by treaties of alliance. Within their borders, and in the neighbouring Turkestani Soviet Socialist Republic, lived the great majority of Central Asian Moslems.

But in the early 1920's, in a move designed to undermine Moslem strength, and to reinforce Communist rule, the two Republics were formally annexed to the Soviet Union and the Turkestani SSR was disbanded. Their land was divided into the Kazakh, Kirghiz Tadzhik, Turkmen and Uzbek SSR's, which effectively split up the compact mass of Moslem peoples in the Soviet Union.

Soviet propaganda claims that these republics have the status of independent states. But these claims are absurd, and are entirely refuted by the text of Article 14, which defines in the most sweeping terms the powers "reserved" to the Central Government in Moscow.

The list of "reserved powers" runs to 24 detailed sub-sections, covering all the principal functions of government. It leaves no shadow of independence to the subjugated, including as it does such vital matters as war and peace, diplomatic relations, defence, taxation, trade and education.

Article 14, in fact, reduces the union republics to a servile sub-colonial status. The republics are the creatures of the centralised bureaucracy of a rigidly centralised empire, and they retain not a vestige of responsible self-government.

THREE VICTIMS

IN essentials the fate of Tuva is hardly to be distinguished from that of Bokhara and Khorezm; Tuva has been swallowed by Russia, while Bokhara and Khorezm have been swallowed by other republics. All three are victims of blatant Soviet imperialism in miniature.

Yet Kremlin propaganda never wearies of condemning colonisation by Western "land-grabbers." That, of course, is the automatic Party line. More significant is the fact that in 1941 the Government of the USSR accepted an Allied Powers' declaration against any "aggrandisement, territorial or other."

Yet the facts speak for themselves. In Europe alone, since 1939, the USSR has annexed 487,000 square kilometres (179,649 square miles) of territory and more than 21,000,000 people.

Soviet rapacity has laid hands upon Eastern Poland, Bessarabia, Karelia, East Prussia, Ruthenia, Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia—to say nothing of the Communist-dominated satellite states of Central and Eastern Europe.

In the Far East and in the Middle East, the same expansionist policy prevails. Nationalist movements are contantly exploited, in order to intensify the tensions of the cold war, and to push forward the outposts of the Communist forces. The most glaring example is Korea, where Communist aggression has already brought the nations to the brink of a third world war.

In face of all these facts, let us remember Tannu Tuva, in this eighth year of its subjugation. And, above all, let us heed the grave warning it pronounces to all other peoples who imagine they can be "protected" by the Soviet Union and not become exploited colonies.

Let's Face Up to Facts About this Friction

New York, Tuesday.

AT the English-Speaking Union the other day I asked Colonel J. J. Astor, chairman of The Times, about news dispatches from London reporting British coolness to Mr Eisenhower. Colonel Astor said almost everyone, except one or two individuals in Parliament, had confidence in, and affection for, President-elect Eisenhower.

An American reporter, who was in the group at the English-Speaking Union, asked Colonel Astor about reports of brawls and friction in England between American troops and British civilians. Colonel Astor said: "I've heard more about that here than in Britain. There's been a little trouble between hot-heads, both British and American, that's all."

Another American reporter asked about the alleged lack of objectivity during and after the American election—the apparent British prejudice for Adlai Stevenson.

The colonel said he thought the British newspapers, certainly The Times, had been objective.

Then we all dropped the subject. But there was dissatisfaction among the American Press representatives, as there is among the American public.

For several days now we have been hearing about "the Bevan influence, the cartload of brick, the criticism of Eisenhower" in Britain and France.

Not ignored

WE have even read in some newspapers here of a "mounting 'Hate America' campaign in Britain." Anti-American sentiment is declared to be growing up and down the United Kingdom and in France too.

Mr Bevan and his views are getting a considerable amount of publicity, and Mr Woodrow Wyatt, the Socialist member of Parliament who recently toured the United States, has even been getting space for his opinion.

Anglo-American friction is a delicate subject, and the best brains here are not ignoring it.

The New York Times, dealing forthrightly with "the weedy growth called anti-Americanism," admits that it is exasperating, but urges that it be not taken tragically.

The Wall Street Journal talks of "hysterics in Britain" and says some British statements "are turning Moscow's Pravda green with envy."

The selection of John Foster Dulles as Secretary of State has touched off more reports of British pique and annoyance, if not downright suspicion, of the forthcoming Eisenhower Administration. We are being told that almost anyone else would have been preferable to the British.

If this is true, then something unfortunate has happened to British tact, British diplomacy and manners.

Is anti-American feeling sweeping Britain? Are Americans disliked in England? I have been asking British visitors here, from high Government officials to commercial travellers, but have not had a convincing answer.

Ike's Cabinet

THE high Government officials wince and hastily change the subject; the travelling salesmen talk vaguely of "too much American money, boasting, and success with the girls."

Curiously the reports of Anglo-American splits and suspicions seem to be disturbing almost everyone here except the Americans most involved. There is no worry, no resentment at President-elect Eisenhower's headquarters in New York's bustling Commodore Hotel.

I have been in and about the headquarters quite a bit during the past day or two and the Victory flush is still glowing there. There is even a sign in one room: "We ain't mad at nobody."

It is taken for granted, in the Commodore, that Mr. Eisenhower has chosen the very best men for the key jobs. Certainly Senator Robert Taft, who somewhat precipitately had drawn up his list of Cabinet Ministers for Eisenhower's approval, hasn't got what he wanted.

If the British had fears about Taft's vast influence they are proved unfounded.

Here the fears are more concentrated on Mr. Eisenhower's trip to Korea. The President-elect is shattering precedent. He is going to the firing-line at considerable personal risk. He is taking a big chance, not merely on his own safety but his own reputation and popularity. If he comes back empty-handed his Administration could start on a note of failure.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

The mothers, the wives, the daughters, the families have hopes of Eisenhower getting their boys back home, of pulling off some sort of miracle.

Mr. Eisenhower made no such promises in his campaign speeches, but the impression has grown that Ike is off to Korea to clean up the mess in the dazzling Eisenhower fashion. If he returns only with a report and without a coup there will be millions of disappointed Americans.

In entertainment Thanksgiving Week is celebrated by the opening of "Hans Christian Andersen," starring Danny Kaye and produced by Samuel Goldwyn. A delightful fairy tale.

Comedy

IT is unfortunate that Mr. Goldwyn has been quoted as saying such harsh things about Charles Chaplin. The pack here are still snarling at Chaplin.

A rather forced comedy, "The Seven Year Itch," featuring Tom Ewell, is so successful with Broadway audiences that it looks like running seven years.

Bea Lillie has been offered a fat Hollywood contract as a result of her triumph with the musical "An Evening with Bea Lillie."

Half a dozen Alec Guinness films are now running in New York and Life magazine has crowned him "Also the Great."

"You're christening your rumpus room tonight! I don't know how soon we can make it, but we'll be there."

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

THE considerable opposition to the construction in Bolivia of a tin-smelting plant is justified by fear of unemployment among smelters in other countries.

But there is the additional point that Bolivian ore is low-grade and difficult to treat, and unless Unesco is prepared to pay for the project with money collected for its 750,000-acre Cultural City in Montana it is not easy to see where the money will come from. There must be no repetition of the Camargue fiasco, which resulted in the discovery that there was no tin in the Camargue, and that only large quantities of [illegible] were being transported to a useless smelting-plant at Bizancon.

Marginal note

BY far the funniest sentence in Miss Bankhead's autobiography is one in which she says a man's name is suppressed "For considerations of taste."

The menace of music

INDUSTRIAL psychotherapeutagogues have had a lot of say about the benefits of music in factories and its power to speed the work by making the worker contented. This doctrine is now being challenged. It has been ascertained that "Some workers drop things while they clap their hands in time to the tune, and hit things in time with the rhythm." It is easy to understand that a man who beats time with an enormous hammer on a delicate morsel of machinery is not helping output—whatever he's doing for music. Moreover, it will not be long before flightly girls at a trivet-welder begin to shake their shoulders and jiggle their feet. An outbreak of dancing would spread quickly, and would reduce the whole factory to a dance hall.

Twenty Years of Uproar

It is necessary, in writing of a musical performance, to employ the language of musical criticism.
(Music critic.)

OF course. You must not write: "Having banged about the keyboard like a drunken sailor, he brought one hand down with a fearful whack which seemed to shake the paltry instrument. Then, like a fisherman tickling a fat trout, he coaxed a recalcitrant note or two with a bent finger. Then at it again, with all the weight of his shoulders behind the punches, slog, slog, slog. Never did ivory take such punishment. Slam, slam, slam, right to the bitter end, which came suddenly with a chord that crashed like an oak-tree uprooted in a storm."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

BORN today, you have high ideals as well as the energy and the resourcefulness to execute them successfully. You have a keen, quick mind and good judgment. You know how to work hard and expect others to do the same. You have a great deal of patience with those who try, but are completely scornful of those who have talents but fail to use them effectively.

You do have a definite talent for working with people, however, and will do well in any executive job. At heart you are kindly, sympathetic and willing to listen to an explanation for a lapse in good work. But the reason had better be valid if you are to accept it! You are just as exacting with yourself so it may always be said that you practise what you preach.

If this appears to make you a severe person, it is far from the truth. You are gay and fun-loving. But you believe that there is a time and place for everything — a time for work—and a time for play. You have a strong love for your family and will want to have your own home as soon as you leave your family nest.

Your love of the beautiful is strong and you will want only the best in home furnishings. You women know how to dress well and have a knack for selecting things which are becoming as well as in high style! You make a fine hostess. Your home life should be an exceptionally happy one.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Make definite plans for your future. Clear up any detail work which may be hanging over your head.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Even if letter writing is a bore for you, the recipients may receive a great deal of pleasure so write!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't neglect your wardrobe these days. If you need some new things, buy them now, advantageously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Try something new today and it will work. All research, experimentation or invention is particularly favoured.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't hang on to possessions which have passed their usefulness for you. Pass them on to another.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Be confident of your capabilities. All business matters are especially favoured now.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Be thoughtful of the happiness of others. Children need your special attention just at this time.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Some outdoor exercise will bolster your spirits. Take a long walk, if nothing better offers.

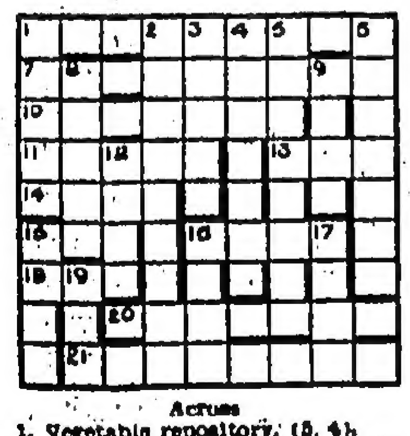
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If this marks the end of your work week, then why not invite a few friends in to see you this evening?

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Keep abreast of the times by reading the local papers carefully. There may be something in them for you!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Clear the decks, at home or at the office, and be ready to take on a new job soon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Friendship is particularly favoured at this time. Also, a good shopping day. Take advantage of it.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Vegetable repository. (5, 4)
7. Torment with a nail test. (9)
10. Pride resulting from success. (7)
11. With native following it is offering a choice. (5)
12. What the adder may do? (3)
14. Usually a matter of interest. (4)
15. Showered without a strip. (3)
16. Implements broken footwear. (4)
18. A dog may be a good one. (8)
20. Rot, I'm on as an instructor. (7)
21. Make the gent step over rope holders. (4, 4)

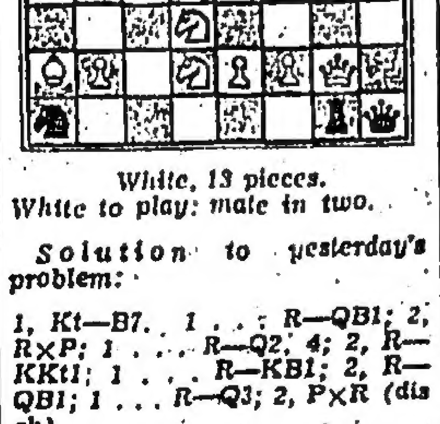
Down

1. At least it can rob. (5)
2. Steady application of mind. (9)
3. Yard I get milk from. (5)
4. Provides a steamer in bloom. (7)
5. Not met in salve, or is it? (8)
6. Possibly sold for a tanner. (7)
8. Let, but not in tennis. (6)
9. Without delay. (4)
13. Late Chinese ounce. (4)
15. Scope now provides it. (4)
16. It's a tip. (4)
17. How Jessop would get logs. (4)
19. Fitting last word down. (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1, Arrow; 4, Star; 8, Repro; 10, Slab; 11, [illegible]; 12, Library; 13, Blow; 15, Utter; 17, Lie; 19, Surgeon; 21, Del; 22, [illegible]; 23, Bark; 24, Bendle. Down: 1, Arils; 2, Resolute; 3, Wobble; 4, Shore; 5, Trealer; 6, Assistant; 7, [illegible]; 9, Abet; 14, [illegible]; 16, Tusk; 18, [illegible]; 20, [illegible].

CHESS PROBLEM

By O. STOCCHI
Black, 8 pieces.

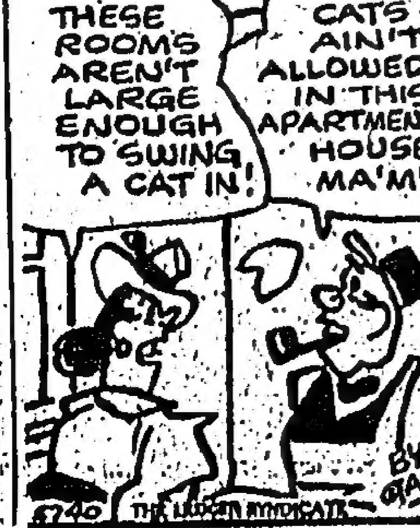


White, 13 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Kt—B7. 1 . . . R—QB1; 2, R×P; 1 . . . R—Q2, 4; 2, R—KKt1; 1 . . . R—KB1; 2, R—QB1; 1 . . . R—Q3; 2, P×R (dis ch).

DUMB-BELLS



• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Good Defence Will Help Win Games

NORTH 12
♠10 5 3
♥Q 6
♦K J 10 8
♣J 10 6 3

WEST
♠K Q 8 2
♥10 9 5
♦6 3 2
♣5 4 2

EAST (D)
♠7 6 4
♥A 8 4 3 2
♦A 7 4
♣A 7

SOUTH
♠A J 9
♥K J 7
♦Q 9 5
♣K Q 9 8

Neither side vul.
North-South, 30 part score

East	South	West	North
1 ♥	1 N.T.	Pass	2 N.T.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead—♥ 10

By OSWALD JACOBY

AS a general rule, the best defence against a no-trump contract is to hammer away at a long suit, in order to develop tricks with low cards. If the defenders switch about from one suit to another, they usually help declarer.

In today's hand we see the exception to this rule. The best defence was to switch from hearts to spades and back again at every opportunity. This hand is more in the nature of a curiosity than a model to be followed.

West opened the ten of hearts and East won with the ace. East promptly shifted to the seven of spades, and South had to play low. If South had put up the ace of spades, he would have lost three spades and three aces.

West won with the queen of spades and shifted back to hearts, dummy winning with the queen. Declarer led a club to knock out East's ace, and East led a second spade through declarer's ace.

Once again, South could not afford to put up the ace of spades. If he did, he was still sure to lose three spades and three aces, so South finessed the jack of spades, and West won with the king. West promptly switched back to hearts, knocking out declarer's last stopper in that suit.

Declarer could get nowhere without attacking diamonds, so East got in with the ace of diamonds in time to cash his last two hearts. The contract was therefore set two tricks, with two spades, three aces, and two long hearts.

It is interesting to note that South would have made his contract if the defenders had simply plugged away at hearts for all they were worth. For example, suppose East takes the ace of hearts and leads another heart to begin with. South wins and knocks out the ace of clubs.

East forces out South's remaining heart stopper, and South knocks out the ace of diamonds. East can now take a total of three aces and two long hearts. When East has done so, South is ready to take the rest of the tricks.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 Heart	Pass	2 Diamonds	Pass
2 Hearts	Pass	2 Spades	Pass
?			

You, South, hold: Spades K-2, Hearts A-K-Q-J-5-2, Diamonds 8-5, Clubs Q-9-6. What do you do?

A—Bid four hearts. North shows a strong hand by his "reverse" bid of two spades. You have already made a minimum rebid of two hearts and can now afford to come out from behind the bushes with a jump to game. A bid of only three hearts might put considerable strain on North.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q, Hearts A-K-10-7-6, Diamonds 8-5-3, Clubs 9-6-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

INTELLIGENCE TEST

THE LEGACY

by T. O. HARE

YOUNG Wapentake — more fortunate than most of us —is in process of receiving, in five annual instalments, money left him by an aunt. His legacy amounts in all to £2015. The sum which Wapentake received the first year was the product of his age in years and a stipulated number of pounds. For each successive year the number of pounds by which his age is multiplied is to be three less than was the case the year before.

What will the fifth and last instalment of the legacy amount to?

(Solution on Page 10)

★ ★ WOMANSENSE ★ ★

DOCTOR'S WIFE WINS PRIZE FOR EMBROIDERY

Miss Sinclair Salmon, Embroiderers' Guild Secretary, displays Mr Rhodes's design of the Queen's yacht.

Ex-soldier uses Queen's yacht design

A doctor's wife from Watlington, Oxfordshire, has won top prize in embroidery designing for the Coronation. An invalid ex-gunner from Forest Gate has been awarded a consolation prize.

The doctor's wife, Mrs O. L. Truscott, used a lion-and-crown pattern. The 1914-18 veteran, Mr T. W. Rhodes, of Osborne Road, Forest Gate, used the Queen's yacht.

The Embroiderers' Guild, who sponsored the competition, received 73 entries from all parts of Britain. All were cushion covers with a Coronation design, and the winning designs will be used by embroiderers here and overseas.

Blue and white

Mrs Truscott kept other embroiderers in mind when designing her cover. The lion-and-crown pattern can be worked in darning or drawn-fabric stitches by beginners, or in applique by experts. For a nursery, it could be worked in checked gingham.

"It is a round cushion, so the design must appear correctly from any angle," said Mrs Truscott. "The colours are pale blue and white with gold lions, and crowns and jewels may be added if desired."

Mrs Truscott teaches embroidery to her local Women's Institute. Runner-up to her in the competition was Mrs A. Smith, of Bearsted, near Maidstone, Kent. She used typical Commonwealth flowers, with the rose, thistle, leek and shamrock in her design.

Mr Rhodes was the only male prize winner—although a quarter of the Guild's 1,500 members are men. He planned and worked his design in bed.

—(London Express Service).

REPAINTING CUSHIONS

If you want fresh and handsome furniture cushions next spring, prepare the way now. Wash them thoroughly with soap and water, then wipe off with turpentine. Give the surfaces a coat of quick-drying enamel, doing one side one day, the other side the next day. Do the painting in the basement, away from flying insects and falling leaves.

Pack your outdoor things away completely clean, and you'll have a sweeter storage space all winter long, and well-protected furniture and accessories that will unpack as good as new come next spring.

France's Top Designer Would Be A Hit With Women

By GAY PAULEY

New York.

France's newest big-name designer would be a hit with women, even if he didn't make glamorous clothes for them.

Hubert de Givenchy, the talk of the international dressmaking set, looks more like a matinee idol than a man who makes a living with shears and sketching pad.

He is six feet, six inches tall, dark-haired and broad-shouldered, has a Continental charm, and he's single.

De Givenchy, at 26, is one of the world's busiest designers, although his rise to fame is new and sudden. You will see his stamp on several American-made lines, including hats, furs, suits and dresses. Come spring, a de Givenchy bathing suit collection will be available.

De Givenchy has been working with fabrics since he was 17, when he joined the Paris dress house of Jacques Fath. After that apprenticeship, he worked with two other French designers — Robert Piguet and Elsa Schiaparelli.

First N. Y. Visit

Last year he went out on his own. His first collection was shown in Paris last spring.

On a recent visit to New York, the French designer told what he thought made his clothes a hit from the beginning.

"I just did something no one else thought of," he said, through an interpreter. "I used men's shirting . . . plain old white shirting . . . for everything from blouse, to evening dresses. I wanted to show lots of fabrics, but I couldn't afford expensive stuff."

"After working with shirting," he said, "I found it is a beautiful and gracious material. The more you wash it the more supple it becomes."

His second, or mid-summer collection of clothing was such a hit that women lined up for blocks outside his shop, hoping for a look at his work.

Now, de Givenchy has contracted with several American manufacturers who will use his designs for clothing most of you can afford.

The youthful designer said he would rather make clothes for American women than for his French customers.

"French women are shorter and . . . uh, thicker," he explained. "American women are taller and slimmer. Their figures are a dressmaker's dream."

"And," he added, with an appreciative grin, "their legs are all I had heard them to be."—United Press.

INDIANA DINNER

Tomato Juice — Lemon Wedges
Meat Loaf — Brown Gravy
Flaky Potatoes — Harvard Beets
Peach Shortcake
Coffee — Tea — Milk

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Meat Loaf

In a good-sized bowl combine 1 lb. ground raw beef, ½ lb. ground lean pork, 2 c. cracker crumbs, 1 beaten egg, 1 c. whole milk, ½ c. tomato ketchup, 4 tbsp. minced onion, 2 tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. pepper. Mix thoroughly. Form into a long loaf, and place in an oiled shallow baking pan. Bake 1½ hrs. in a moderate oven, 350° F. Baste occasionally, with 2 tbsp. margarine melted in ½ c. hot water. Make gravy from the drippings in the pan. Enough for 2 meals.

Harvard Beets

Drain the liquid from 1 (No. 2) tin sliced beets, and measure out ½ c. To the beet liquid add 1 tbsp. cornstarch and stir until dissolved. Then add ½ c. vinegar, ½ c. sugar, and 1 tbsp. butter; cook and stir in a double-boiler until the liquid is translucent. Add salt to taste and the beets, and heat. Serves 4.

Trick of the Chef

Try tomato juice seasoned with aromatic bitters—very good!

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Ever Try Counting Stars?

—General Tin Had a Scheme, But It Didn't Work—

By MAX TRELL

IT was a beautiful starry evening. Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, looked out of the window and saw the stars winking and blinking, and blinking and winking. There seemed to be millions of them . . . millions and billions and trillions.

Hanid suddenly felt someone standing next to her. It was General Tin, the tin soldier. "I suppose," he said, smiling, "that you're wondering how many stars there are in the sky?"

How Many Stars?

"Why yes, General Tin! That's just what I was wondering. How many stars are there in the sky?"

"Once," replied General Tin after a moment or two, "I counted them."

"You did!"

General Tin sighed. "But I never found out exactly how many there are. It was very disappointing."

Hanid asked General Tin to tell her what had happened that kept him from finding out exactly how many stars there are.

"Well, it all happened on a night just like this. I was standing on top of a hill. The whole sky was all around me, with no trees or houses or anything else in the way. And all the stars were winking and blinking, just as they are tonight. So I said to myself, just as you said to yourself, 'I wonder how many stars there are.'"

"And you started to count them?" said Hanid.

Very Strange

"I started to count them," said General Tin. "I counted and counted . . . and counted and counted. Then I took a deep breath and counted and counted some more. But it was very strange. The more I counted, the more of them there seemed to be. Finally, I stopped counting. I knew that if I was going to count the stars I would have to find a different way to do it."

Hanid said in a puzzled voice: "A different way General Tin? What kind of a different way?"

"To tell you the truth, I couldn't think of a different way all at once. It took me quite a long time, until at last I thought of it. It was quite a good way—or at least it seemed to be a good way.

"You see," the General continued, "the trouble with counting all the stars by yourself is that you're sure to get mixed up. The only thing to do is to get lots of other people to help you."

"That's a wonderful idea!"

General Tin nodded. "I decided that if everyone else just counted one star each, there would be no trouble at all. No one would get mixed up. How can anyone get mixed up just counting one single star?"

"Once," said General Tin to Hanid, "I counted the stars."

"Did everyone do it?" Hanid asked.

Looked Sad

"Yes, everyone did it. Everyone counted one star." And General Tin, instead of smiling, just looked sad.

"But—it didn't work, General Tin?"

"It didn't. Everyone counted one star. But—everyone counted the same star."

"Oh dear."

"And that," said General Tin, "was the last time I ever tried to find out how many stars there are in the sky. I guess," he added, "somebody can find a way to do it. But on the other hand, it doesn't seem to make too much difference how many stars there really are. The important thing isn't how many of them there are, but only that there are any of them . . . and that they wink and blink, and shine and sparkle, and make a beautiful night even more beautiful by just being there!"

Rupert and the Windwhistle—33

Rupert introduces Bill and Willie to King Frost and they look very nervous. "I ought to be very angry with you," says the King, "but the little bear has explained everything and he is doing everything to help my son. You shall go home with him and go quickly." A guard takes them away while the King watches and waves from the battlements. Again they march through buildings, over a bridge towards a very high tower with a flat top. "My word, what a height," thinks Rupert. "How ever shall we climb it?"

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Don't forget your Rupert Annual

FAVOURITE AUTUMN FABRIC

By VERA WINSTON

POODLE cloth is again putting on the dog, and making itself an important member of the fabric family for the latest fashions. This textured woollen teams nicely with matching flannel for an excellent autumn-into-winter suit. The colour is medium blue. The flannel is used for the skirt and for pocket, belt and cuff facing on the poodle cloth jacket which has matching blue bone buttons.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC v. STOKE CITY

Vaughan, Charlton inside-left, falls on top of Mountford. Stoke right-half, in a tackle for the ball. Charlton won 5-1.

Time Some Commonsense Was Applied To The Problem Of Raising Walker Cup Funds

Says EDDIE HAMILTON

It's time some commonsense was applied to the problem of raising the £4,000 which the R. and A. say they need if they are to send a Walker Cup team to the States next year.

Suggestions on how golfers throughout the country might raise the wind have so far produced little hard cash. When I asked the R. and A. recently how their fund stood, I was told: "The response from their clubs is slow but steady, we are still in urgent need of more money."

I can't blame the golfers for putting the Walker Cup appeal so far down their list of charity contributions. I am too well aware of what the boys on the football terracing would say if the SFA asked for money to send a side to South Africa!

SOMETHING BETTER

No, the Walker Cup Committee won't get our money unless they can offer something better than the licking I anticipate for our team at Boston, Mass., next September.

After all, no British team, amateur or professional, has succeeded in scoring a victory on American soil.

Sending our boys over the water as "poor relations" isn't likely to put them in conquering mood.

Let's get the finances on a permanently even keel.

I offer golf headquarters this solution to their problem: Invite the 3,000 or so golf clubs in Britain to run a summer tournament on the lines of the Victory Shield competition of the Downfield, Dundee club.

Members can play as many rounds as they like during the three summer months of this handicap tournament's run—by paying 6d for each card they take out.

BEST FOUR SCORES

Their best four scores count each month, the lowest aggregate winning a monthly sweepstake. The 12 lowest rounds over the three months wins the Shield.

The Downfield tourney has produced a revenue of up to £10 a month to the club.

Make the fee 1s a card, half going to the club, and donate the other 6d to the Walker Cup fund. If the competition was organised on a national scale for one summer month, and the 3,000 British clubs were prepared to guarantee the fund £10 annually, the feeling of charity would be removed.

Members would support a new-style competition that would permit them to play morning, afternoon and evening. The R. and A. would be certain of an annual income and the future of the Walker Cup would be assured.

—(London Express Service.)

BADMINTON RESULTS

In a Men's "C" Division Badminton League match played at the St Teresa's Church hall yesterday, St Teresa's lost to CCC "Green" 3-6. At the Victoria Recreation Club, Chinese YMCA lost to Tytam 4-5.

Following are the results:

David Castro and R. Soares (St Teresa's) beat S. Foller and Buster Wade 21-16; beat S. Yeh and Y.K. Tze 21-16; lost to S. Castro and K. Wong 16-21.

Felix Allaye and E. Marques Lin (St Teresa) lost to Foller and Wade 17-21; lost to Yeh and Tze 15-21; beat Castro and Wong 21-17.

E. Remedios and D.E. Baptista (St Teresa's) lost to Foller and Wade 11-21; lost to Yeh and Tze 10-21; lost to Castro and Wong 8-21.

CHINESE Y v TYTAM

Men's Singles: Ko Wai-bong (Tytam) lost to K.H. Lo 13-15; beat W.T. Cheung 15-6.

S.L. U (Tytam) lost to K.H. Lo 11-15; beat W.T. Cheung 15-11;

B. Arculli (Tytam) beat C K. Wong 15-3.

Men's Doubles: Ko Wai-bong and S.L. U (Tytam) beat K.H. Lo and C.Y. San 23-20; beat Wong Yan and C. K. Wong 21-12.

B. Arculli and C.H. Wong (Tytam) lost to K.H. Lo and C.Y. San 13-21; lost to Wong Yan and C.K. Wong 13-21.

"The new masseur's a scream — he keeps pulling my leg!"

Leslie Driffield Wins Amateur Billiards Title

Calcutta, Dec. 3.

Leslie Driffield, 38-year-old Leeds iron foundry director and holder of the English title, today became the World Amateur Billiards Champion when he beat Rupert Marshall of Australia, the holder, by 1,628 points to 983.

Driffield won all his five games in the Championship, for which there were six competitors. Marshall had lost an earlier game and has one more to play. —Reuter.

NO FAVOURITES FOR THE HOME FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

By TOM FINNEY

My club, Preston North End, has been fortunate enough in the last two weeks to beat both Wolverhampton Wanderers and Sutherland, the top two sides in the First Division.

These two have set the pace almost from the start of a season which, although approaching its half-way mark, has failed to throw up any really outstanding side yet.

Indeed almost for the first time since the war, the soccer scene is not dominated by a Manchester United, Tottenham or Portsmouth who have all won the Championship by comfortable margins in recent seasons.

This general levelling up—and I say "up" because I believe that the standard of play throughout the country is improving all the time—is caused by the influx of good youngsters now finding their way into most League sides.

Wolves, of course have perhaps the most extensive youth-coaching scheme of any League club. I gather that some 500 lads go to Molineux for trials in the course of a year.

This is bound to produce rich dividends. I see for example that in buying and selling inside-forwards alone, they have made a profit of some £30,000 in the last twelve months.

But I do not think that my friend Billy Wright will be leading a Championship side just yet. Perhaps when we beat them at Molineux, Wolves were unlucky to lose Dennis Wilshaw with an ankle injury in the opening minutes. It certainly disorganised them. Yet it seemed that their defence was not quite strong enough for a side which aims to finish at the top of the First Division.

VERY OPEN

The position now is very open. Bolton, lying 17th, are only eight points behind Wolves who have played a game more than most clubs. This means that the Championship could go to any one of these 17 sides.

Personally, I think Wolves' neighbours, West Bromwich Albion, and Arsenal, will be close next April. Both have strong defences, a half-back line which ensures consistency and forwards who are always capable of snatching goals.

Preston managed to beat Albion by a solitary goal at Deepdale. But next to Manchester United, who hit a purple patch to beat us 5-0, I rate the Midland side—who significantly have a full-time coach in Jesse Carver—as the best team we have tackled.

The rugged half-back line, Jimmy Dudley, Joe Kennedy and Ray Barlow, probably the best in the land, will be even more at home in the mud which lies on our pitches in December, January and February.

As the going gets heavier, I expect to see Albion and one or two other strong sides like Burnley, Newcastle and Portsmouth move up to challenge Wolves.

IN THE DANGER AREA

At the bottom of the table, Manchester City, Stoke and Derby County have several points to make up before they draw clear of the Second Division threat. But this is too early to talk of relegation.

Derby were left with an inside-forward weakness when Johnny Morris moved to Leicester. They have remedied this by taking Jimmy Dunn from Molineux. Manager Stuart McMillan has already said that he is looking for further good forwards—and you can take it that County, one of the most successful sides since the war, will soon move out of the danger area.

Sheffield United's 7-2 thrashing of Leicester—strong promotion rivals—on Saturday emphasises that the proud old Bramhall Lane club intends returning to its rightful Soccer position.

What a triumph it would be for greying-haired Reg Freeman, perhaps the shrewdest and least publicised of all managers, if United, his present club, were to go up with Rotherham, the club he left a few months back after building up from local Yorkshire lads.

Stranger things have happened. But United, remember, faded in the mud last season.

Birmingham City, I think, have a strong bustling side who will be hard to beat in the heavier going.

To my mind, the success story of the season is provided by little Luton Town, frequently accused by their supporters of not wanting promotion.

LIVELY LUTON

The transfers of cultured inside-forwards like Willie Davie to Huddersfield, Jack Taylor to Wolves and earlier, Bobby Brennan to Birmingham City, might have upset most clubs. Not Luton. Daily Duncan, former Derby County and Scotland winger, has found replacements which have produced one of the liveliest Second Division sides.

A total of 41 goals indicates the attractive attacking nature of their football. At the moment they stand only four points behind Huddersfield, the second team in the table, and promotion is more than possible.

Maybe those people who think the gulf between First and Third Division football to be as wide as the Atlantic will revise their ideas after a glance at the Second Division chart.

Plymouth, in the Southern Section last year; lie but a point behind Huddersfield and are three points above Fulham, the two clubs who came down from the top division. And Argyle have a game in hand from both.

The moral here is that the Bristol Rovers, Norwich Cities, Grimsbys and Oldhams may well provide some severe headaches for the glamour clubs when the FA Cup enters its later stages after Christmas.

18-Year-Olds' Day At Melbourne

Melbourne, Dec. 3.

Four 18-year-olds put on a sparkling show in the Doubles semi-finals at the Victorian Tennis Championships today as Californians Maureen (Little Mo) Connolly and Julie Sampson gained the women's final while Ken Rosewall and Lewis Hoad of Australia reached the men's final by pulling the tournament's biggest upset.

Little Mo, the U.S. and Wimbledon Champion from San Diego, and Miss Sampson of San Marino rallied from a 1-4 deficit in the second set to win their semi-final match against Helen Angwin and Gwen Thiele of Australia 6-2, 6-4.

In the final match of the day, Rosewall and Hoad drew an ovation from the 3,000 spectators when they completed a bitterly contested 2½ hour triumph over Mervyn Rose and Don Candy, two far more experienced Aussie players.

The score was 10-8, 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 11-9.

Rosewall and Hoad, who pulled the surprise of the 1952 Wimbledon Doubles championship by whipping the U.S. stars, Dick Savitt and Gardnar Mulloy, face a bigger hurdle in Friday's final when they take on Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor.

50 MINUTES

Sedgman and McGregor, the world's leading amateur doubles combine, needed just 50 minutes to oust the former Davis Cup players, Adrian Quist and Geoffrey Brown, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.

In the women's final, Miss Connolly and Miss Sampson will play Mary Hawton and Beryl Penrose.

Mrs Hawton and Miss Penrose, who lost the New South Wales Women's Doubles crown to the young Californians last month, gained the title round again with a 6-3, 6-4 triumph over their countrywomen, Pam Southcombe and Carmen Borelli. —United Press.

BRIAN BIRCH TRANSFERRED

Wolverhampton, Dec. 3.

Brian Birch who made his league debut for Manchester United at the age of 17 three years ago, has been transferred by Wolverhampton to Lincoln City.

Birch is considered to be one of the most promising young inside forwards in soccer.—Reuter.

KO PO-KEUNG MARRIED

The wedding of Ko Po-keung, well-known soccer player, and Miss Ko Kit-yee took place yesterday.

A dinner reception was held at the Tai Wah Restaurant last night.

WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are Club selections for cricket and soccer fixtures this week-end:

CRICKET

Kowloon C.C. 1st XI v Royal Navy at King's Park on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—S. V. Gittins, W. M. Davidson, P. V. Dodge, N. Hart-Baker, R. E. Lee, J. Leriou, K. Lo, J. J. Muldoon, G. E. Taylor, P. Wood, F. R. Zimmern. Umpire.—L. Quincey.

Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI v Indian R.C. at Sookunpoo on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—E. C. Fincher, R. F. Apps, F. A. Broadbridge, W. H. Cowie, F. R. Kermani, A. Lang, E. A. Lee, W. Pepperell, C. S. Ramage, C. J. Smith, A. P. Weir. 12th Man.—D. Symons, Scorer.—S. A. Gray.

Players are requested to meet at Queen's Pier at 1 p.m. sharp.

Kowloon C.C. "Stragglers" v 218 L.A.A. Battery at Cox's Road on Sunday at 1.30 p.m.—J. Leriou, R. F. Apps, G. Colley, W. H. E. Colledge, F. R. Kermani, V. V. Kolatchoff, F. E. Lawrence, W. Pepperell, V. C. Seymour, D. Symons, G. H. Walker.

Army "B" v Hongkong Police at Sookunpoo on Saturday at 1.30 p.m. — Major Bennett, Major McCosh, Capt. Pierce, Capt. Dewar, Lt Davies, Lt Ibbotson, S/Sgt Maddock, Gnr Harrison, Ctn. Atkinson, Tpr. Farr, Pte Cuffe. 12th man.—A. N. Other. Umpire.—QMS (AC) Carter. Scorer.—Bdr Cooper.

Indian R.C. 1st XI v Royal Air Force at Kai Tak on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—A. R. Kitchell (Capt.), A. R. Abbas, R. el Arculli, P. Billimoria, Sherry Bux, A. H. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, S. H. Khan, E. Minu, M. I. Samad, M. Samy. Umpire.—O. M. Butt. Scorer.—A. M. Wahab.

Indian R. C. 2nd XI v Kowloon C.C. at Sookunpoo on Saturday at 1.30 p.m.—M. A. Wahab (Capt.), A. R. Abbas, B. E. M. Bux, S. F. Chagla, T. E. Chiba, Adam Khan, S. K. Khan, A. R. Razack, Ador Rumjahn, M. Yaqub Samad, M. Yaquf Samad. Umpire.—K. M. Omar. Scorer.—Osman Adem.

SOCCER

Hongkong F.C. 1st XI v Royal Navy at Causeway Bay on Saturday at 4 p.m.—Millar, Armstrong, Farren, McDonald, Anderson, Tarpey, Treadwell, Gardner, Keane, Mullen, Farrow. Reserves.—Walton and McGuiness.

Hongkong F.C. 2nd XI v Royal Air Force at Causeway Bay on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.—Taylor, McDonald, Viant, Carr, Lapsley, McKenzie, Walton, White, Carney, McGuiness, Barker. Reserves.—Low, Sargent, Beattie.

FLAG FOR MALAYANS

Mr M. S. Chan, Chairman of the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association, presents a pennant to Mr Leong of the Malayan tennis team now visiting the Colony. — Photo by Willie's studio.

HKFA Meeting

Austrian Linz Team Definitely Coming At Chinese New Year

The Hongkong Football Association cannot accept responsibility for making arrangements and undertaking financial obligations in respect of soccer tours embracing other ports.

This was emphasised at a meeting of the Interport Sub-Committee of the Association held yesterday with Mr C. S. Wang in the chair.

The point was brought up as a result of letters received from the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation and the Singapore Football Association regarding proposed visits of soccer teams to the Far East.

It was suggested in these letters that the HKFA take up the question of visits with the appropriate parties and that Manila and Singapore repay to the Association their respective share of the cost incurred by the Association in bringing the teams out.

One member of the Sub-Committee pointed out that Manila was already in debt to the Association in respect of previous visits and suggested Manila be requested to pay off the amount owing.

It was eventually decided that letters be written to Manila and Singapore that the HKFA could not accept responsibility for the making of arrangements of tours embracing other ports.

SCHOOLBOYS' INTERPORT

A letter from the PAAF as well as a telegram addressed to the Rev. Brother Cronan, Sportsmaster of St Joseph's College, regarding the annual Schoolboys' Interport was discussed. It was decided that the Manila schoolboys be invited to visit Hongkong during Easter next.

It was also agreed that it should be made clear to Manila that only schoolboys be included in its team and that no player who had taken part in Interport matches against the HKFA be allowed to participate.

It was further decided that the Hongkong Schools Sports Association be requested to draft up rules for the annual Schoolboys' Interport.

A letter from Mr Wolf Leyberg relative to the visit of the Austrian Linz team during the Chinese New Year holidays was discussed.

Mr Leyberg indicated the Austrian team, which would be playing three games in Hongkong, would like to play an additional game and to visit Macao. Under arrangements previously made, the Austrian team were to receive $55,000 for three matches, plus board and lodging. For the additional match, a sum of $15,000 would be required.

It was decided that the Austrian team be offered $10,000 for the additional match, which would be played on February 24, after the team's return from Macao.

INDIAN TEAM

A letter from the Football Association of India indicating that it would be possible for an Indian XI to be sent here in March next and explaining that it was not possible to send a team earlier owing to injuries, was read.

It was decided to accept the offer of the Indian FA.

Letters from the Football Associations of Japan, Hanoi and Indonesia were also read, and it was decided that as no dates were available, the question of their offers to visit Hongkong be held in abeyance.

Before the meeting concluded, the question of a recent report that Hongkong would be sending a soccer team to the Asian Championships in Manila in 1954 was brought up. It was made clear that the Association had not indicated that it would be sending a team and that no person had been authorised to give any assurance in this connection.

FA DECISIONS

The following extracts from the Minutes of the Referees' Committee meeting of the Football Association, England, held on July 4, have been circulated by the Hongkong Football Association for the information of all concerned:

(a) Laws of the Game—Law 3—Number of players. In answer to a question received from the Kent County FA, the Committee decided that a player may join his team during extra time notwithstanding that he did not play in the match during the preceding 90 minutes' play.

(b) Co-operation between referees and linesmen. The Committee considered a suggestion received from the Football Combination that a directive be issued to referees to use some pre-arranged sign to indicate to their linesmen that their signals had been seen, this reducing the persistent flagging in which some linesmen indulge after the referee has allowed play to continue. It was agreed that the question of pre-arranged signs between referees and linesmen was entirely one for them to decide and that a directive on this matter was unnecessary.

CONTROL OF REFEREES

(c) Regulations for the control of referees. The names of certain referees were removed from County Association lists for the following reasons:

Failing to report misconduct on the field of play.

Acting as a Scout for Clubs.

Failing to take matches accepted and sending in a false statement.

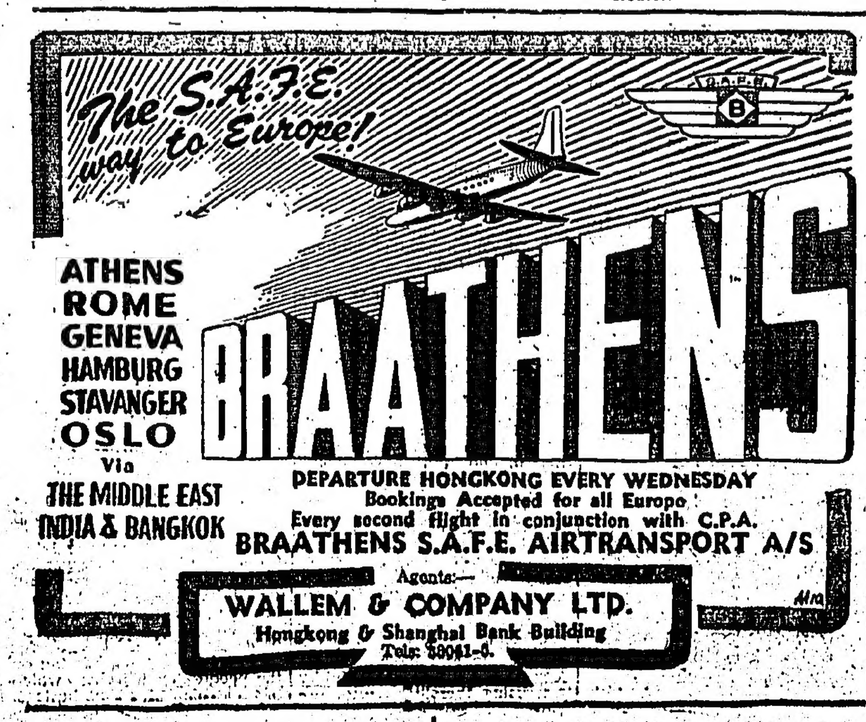
Failing to fulfil an appointment and for breaking the Rules of the Association.

Failing to fulfil an appointment.

Registering in an assumed name.

Mis-statement of age.

Making false statements and for failing to report two players ordered off the field.



THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby

SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

(Contributed by Desmond Hackett, Robert Findlay and Henry Rose. Edited by Marshall Fallows)

Newcastle United's international forward, Jackie Milburn, has given up his temporary job as "father" of the "B" team.—

From now on until he is ready for a full-dress tryout he will watch the first team—"just to get my eye in and sniff the First Division atmosphere," says Jackie.

Milburn is back in full training following his cartilage operation, but can give no forecast of a probable date for his return to the Cup-holders' team.

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Bob McGory, former Stoke manager, now in charge of Merthyr Town, is anxious to make 20-year-old Roy Sims, the Nelson (South Wales) centre-forward, his first signing.

But Hull City also have ideas about this boy, who is taking an engineering course at a Cardiff college.

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Bill Murray's heart misses a beat every time he sees his Welsh international leader Trevor Ford try to "play clever."

"I've told him," says the Sunderland manager, "I didn't buy you to play delicate stuff—leave that to Len (Shackleton) and just be your bustling self."

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A dozen First Division footballers, asked to name Soccer's most gentlemanly player, replied "Len Duquemin" (Spurs centre-forward).

Yet some of the Duke's fans think he's too gentle — that he would be Britain's most dangerous forward....if he were more robust.

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English referees in Malta are getting a bit fed up with their reception in the George Cross island.

"It's like being a matador at a bull fight when refereeing some of their league games," they say.

One little difference—a matador gets £100 per fight; a Malta referee 30s., plus numerous insults.

The two foreign teams going to Malta for the Christmas tourney are Stuttgart (Germany) and Malmoe (Sweden).

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Back from a visit to Barcelona is Mr G. H. Gillin, the Torquay chairman, who reckons Soccer is giving bullfight promoters some headaches.

"While I was there 55,000 went to the football stadium to watch a match, and only 10,000 to the bull fight," he says.

Where did Mr Gillin go? To the stadium.

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Jimmy Dunn, inside-right from Wolves, made a big sacrifice when he agreed to sign for Derby.

Jimmy's wife wanted to live in her home town, Liverpool. She has moved there with their three-year-old son, Philip.

Jimmy wants to live there too, but he says "The job comes first—I shall train and live in Derby during the week and travel to Liverpool at weekends."

Jimmy is the only married man living in Derby's "bachelor hostel."

Hubert Evans, Newport County half-back who emigrated to Canada at the beginning of the season, is returning—for domestic reasons—and has asked County about his position. He is on Newport's transfer list.

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Don Donovan, Everton's Irish right-half, will be out of the game for some weeks....he fell during a private practice game and injured a knee. Cartilage trouble is feared.

Sheffield Wednesday inside-forward Albert Quixall, 19-year-old star discovery of 1952, was first "approached" by a League club when he was 12.

A Notts County official asked the boy whether he would like to join the club when he grew up.

Came the startling reply: "No—I've promised my father I will play for Sheffield Wednesday."

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Main reason why George Robb, Finchley's international left-winger, is shy of turning professional is a psychological one. He thinks he is too old at 26....that he should have taken the step years ago.

But once Finchley are out of the Cup, Robb will probably change his mind — and his status.

"We hope so," echo 'Spurs for whom he has had a few games.

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John Lovegrove, 17-year-old Briton Ferry goalkeeper with an uncanny sense of anticipation, has attracted scouts from Aston Villa, Fulham and Cardiff City. — London Express Service.

CHANGE OF VENUE

The HKAAA Ladies' Open Athletic Meeting on Sunday will be held at Caroline Hill and not at King George V School as previously announced. There are 34 entries for the meeting, which starts at 2 p.m.

14,500 GUINEAS PAID FOR FILLY BY HYPERION

Newmarket, England, Dec. 3.

Baron Maurice De Rothschild of France paid 14,500 guineas ($42,600) at the Newmarket bloodstock sales on Wednesday for Enrapt, a three-year-old filly by Hyperion out of Buoyant.

It was the highest price paid in the first three days of the regular autumn auctions at the famous headquarters of British breeders and trainers.

Second highest price of the day—12,500 guineas ($36,750)—was paid by the London Bloodstock Agency to acquire the three-year-old colt Mr Cube for an unnamed buyer in Argentina. Mr Cube, by Hyperion out of Legende II, won five races this season.

American owners bought three horses.

Mrs Joseph Walker of Pennsylvania paid 6,000 guineas ($17,040) for a four-year-old Hyperion mare delivered to be in foal to Sayajirao, a British St. Leger Winner.

A person identified only as P. McGean of California bought Cythera, a five-year-old Hyperion-Aphudite the Fourth mare, in foal to Sayajirao, for 3,500 guineas ($10,290).

Ed Coupey, described as an American living in Monte Carlo, put up 3,200 guineas ($9,408) for Vierlle, 10-year-old mare by Casteral-Perfume the Second, in foal to Tehran.

The day's third highest price of 9,000 guineas ($22,600) was paid by the Marquis Incisa of Italy for Justina, a 10-year-old mare by Fairway Jury, in foal to Migolt.—Associated Press.

Schoolboys To Meet Owen Hughes' Team

An interesting cricket match has been arranged for Sunday, December 7, at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground at Chater Road, when a team of schoolboys, captained by Arthur Rumjahn, will meet a team captained by the President of the Hongkong Cricket Club. The game is timed to start at 2 p.m.

The following are the teams:

President's Team.—H. Owen Hughes (Captain), T.A. Pearce, D. W. Leach, A.C. Perry, F. Howarth, D. McLellan, R.H. Hughes, W. R. Franklin, L. D. Klibee, J. Borthwick, I. Stanton, C. B. Connett.

Arthur Rumjahn's Team.—Arthur Rumjahn (Captain), G. Kent (Diocesan Boys' School), Kwan Ka-keung (Diocesan Boys' School, B. Quie (Diocesan Boys' School), B. Carnell (K.G.V.), C. Bendall (K.G.V.), Q. Almao (K.G.V.), J. Shroff (K.G.V.), Adam Khan (Queen's College), Osman Adem (St Joseph's), E. Minu (St Joseph's), Ali Khan (St Joseph's).

Umpires.—F. Marshall and R.R. Davies.

Members of Mr Arthur Rumjahn's team are requested to be at the Hongkong Cricket Club by 1 p.m. when they will be entertained to tiffin by the President of the H.K.C.C.

It is hoped to arrange another match later in the season, when some of the boys who could not be fitted into the above side will be given a game.

Kangaroos' Tour

London, Dec. 3.

Result of the Rugby League Australian Tour match played today was:

Dewsbury 7, Australians 22.—Reuter.

Argentina Will Not Play For The World Cup

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 3.

Valentin Suarez, President of the Argentine Soccer Association, told a news conference here today that Argentina will not participate in the next South American soccer tournament, or in the World Soccer Cup in Switzerland.

Suarez said that international tournaments are "financially prejudicial to clubs."

Referring to the World Cup, he said, "We are not going to lose time in Switzerland."

Suarez is heading the Argentine all star soccer team who will play Madrid on December 7 and Lisbon on December 12. The plane trip is held up at Rio because of mechanical trouble.—Associated Press.

PLAYING LEAGUE SOCCER AT 41

CHARLIE JOHNSTONE PICKS HIS "GREATEST" IN 30 YEARS OF FOOTBALL

By BRUCE SWADEL

How long can a footballer last? In these days of desperation for League points and urgent need for Cup cash, few can maintain the pace beyond their early thirties.

That fact makes Wednesday, November 26, a remarkable date on the football calendar. For on that day Charlie Johnstone, of Queen of the South, began his 42nd year.

Look at him, and you would hardly believe that his is the stuff that heroes are made of. There are under five-and-half-feet, and little more than ten stone of him.

His barber need only — as Charlie would tell you—"run round the touchline" to cut his hair. He has never been famous for speed, shooting power or ball jugglery.

ALWAYS IN DEMAND

Yet, in the 30 years between his first game as a Larkhall schoolboy and his appearance at Shawfield that day, he has always been in demand as a member of somebody's team, always as a left winger.

At 41, he is making more money—from work (as a machine operator) and play — than ever before. He boasts a gross income not far below that of a junior Minister in the Government.

Like the centenarians, Charlie has his secret of longevity.

"Two secrets—I was a full time footballer for all my early years as a Senior; and I'm a wee chap."

In England, with Doncaster and Mansfield, he learned that football as a young man's profession left little time for other pursuits. "A bad result on Saturday meant we had to train day and night for the whole of the next week."

FIRST ON THE BALL

As a boy he soon found that the only way to beat huskier opponents was to be first on the ball. He found he could propel his little frame faster over a ten-yard dash than could the burlier boys. With his weight today a bare six pounds more than it was 25 years ago, he has never lost the power to accelerate.

Charlie is a master, too, at avoiding injury. "I'm not built for tackling, or being tackled. It's all a question of knowing what the other fellow's going to do a split second before he does it. And in my 20-odd years the full-backs haven't learned many new tricks."

Twenty-odd years! Two football generations, in effect. Think of it. Johnstone turned Senior, from Blantyre Vics. to Motherwell, at the end of the Intermediate League dispute.

There stepped up with him such long retired stars as George Brown, of Rangers; Willie Telfer and Hugh Wales, of Motherwell; and Sam English of Rangers and many other clubs.

THE GREATEST

From the 700 or so games of Senior football he has played, Johnstone lists these as the greatest of the "greats" he has joined on the field:

Goalkeeper: Frank Swift (England and Manchester City). "When he guested for Hamilton during the war, he filled the goal so completely that I tried kicking my corners along the ground to flummox him."

Full Backs: George Young (Scotland and Rangers), "Always gets me on the wrong foot, no matter how I take the ball to him."

Half-Back: Alec Massie (Scotland, Hearts and Aston Villa): "The most constructive player I ever met."

Winger: Alan Morton (Scotland and Rangers): "My first hero and I've never had a greater."

Inside-forward: Alec Venters (Scotland and Rangers) "He made me a goodish winger. You had to play like the devil to keep up with him."

Centre: Willie Thornton (Scotland and Rangers) for guile. Tommy Lawton (England, Everton and Notts County) for drive.

Charlie Johnstone, of Larkhall Thistle, Blantyre Vics, Motherwell, Doncaster, Mansfield, Dunfermline, Rangers and Queen of the South, looks fit to put over the neatest crosses in Scottish football for many a day to come.

The expression he shows as he hits these crosses betrays the real secret of his perennial youth. It shows what fun he gets out of it all.

"Man," he'll tell you, "I'm never happier than when I'm playing 'fitba'."—London Express Service.

NEIL FRANKLIN INJURED

Hull, Dec. 3.

Neil Franklin, Hull centre-half and former England player, is unlikely to play again this season.

He aggravated a knee injury in a charity match at Lincoln in September, and on returning to training this week, his knee again broke down. It is almost certain another operation on his knee is necessary.—Reuter.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 48. Orders by Colonel L. T. Ride, CBE, ED, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force, dated December 2, 1952.

Force Headquarters

Depot. All Recruits recently passed from the Depot with the exception of those selected for The Recce Platoon will parade at Murray Parade Ground at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 1952. Transport will be available to proceed to Headquarters, Happy Valley.

Int Unit. HQ Pl—Parade Tuesday, December 9, 1952, HQ RHKDF, 5.30 p.m.—Lecture. Dress: Plain Clothes. **Recce Pl**—Parade HQ RHKDF, 5.45 p.m. Thursday, December 11, 1952. Dress: Uniform. Squadding. Issue of new badges etc. Lecture — Map reading.

Artillery Battery. Fd Gunnery Tp. "P" &. "Q" See parade Tuesday, December 9, 1952, MPG, 7.30 a.m. or Star Ferry Kowloon 7.45 a.m. Dress: Clean fatigue, with shorts and web belts. Bush jackets will be worn inside shorts. "A", "B" & Intermediate Classes parade HQ RHKDF, Friday, December 12, 1952 at 5.45 p.m. Tpt will leave MPG 5.30 p.m. Dress: Plain Clothes. C & R. Tp. "C" See parade SOR CSHQ, Monday, December 8, 1952, 5.30 p.m. Telling practice. Dress: Plain clothes. Easy Watch parade SOR CSHQ, Thursday, December 11, 1952, 11 a.m. "Exercise. Dress:—Male members Plain clothes. Female members Uniform. "Roger" See parade, Friday, December 12, 1952, SOR CSHQ, 5.30 p.m. Telling practice. Dress: Plain clothes.

Hongkong Regiment

Duties. Orderly Officer of the week —2/Lt E. J. L. Ride. Next for duty—Lt D. H. Jordan. Orderly Sergeant of the Week—Sgt F. J. Anslow. Next for duty—Sgt C. W. Norris.

Training. "A" Coy—Tue. WT. RV 5.20 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. "B" & "D" Coy—No parade. "C" Coy—Tue. WT. RV 5.20 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. HQ Coy Sig Pl—Tue. Maint of Eqpt. RV 5.25 p.m. at MPG. Dress: Overalls. Mor Pl—Tue. Pl Commds disposal RV 5.20 p.m. at MPG for HQ. Dress: Clean fatigue. MG Pl, MT Pl, Int Sec & Snipers & Med Sec.—No parade.

Home Guard

Training — Thu. Miniature Rifle Shoot. RV 5.25 p.m. at MPG. Dress: Clean fatigue (Overalls).

Hongkong A.A.F.

Change of Command. Wing Commander A. W. Wood, DFC, BEM, resumes command of the HKAAF with effect from December 1, 1952. Sgt Hall assumes command of the Wireless Operator Section with effect from December 1, 1952, vice Pilot Officer P. Donohue on leave.

Trade Training. Fighter Plotters Thursday, December 11—"A" Watch —SOR—9 a.m. (Half Day). Thursday, December 11—"A" & "B" Watches—SOR—5.45 p.m. Fighter Controllers, Wednesday, December 3—HQ RHKDF —9 a.m. (Half Day) Examination. **Transport** leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.45 a.m. Clerks P.A. Sunday, December 7—HQ RHKDF—9 a.m. (Full Day). Transport leaves Star Ferry at 5.45 a.m. Tuesday, December 9—HQ RHKDF—5.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Clerks G.D. & Police Courses, Tuesday, December 9 —HQ RHKDF—5.45 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. Radar Operators — "C" Watch — Operation Station — 8 a.m. (Half Day). Transport leaves HQ RHKDF at 8 a.m. and Star Ferry at 8.15 a.m. Friday, December 12—"A", "B" & "C" Watches—HQ RHKDF—5 p.m. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground, 5.30 p.m. A.T.C. Section, Tuesday, December 9—"B" Watch—RAF Sek Kong—8.15 a.m. (Full Day). Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8.15 a.m. Friday, December 12—"A", "B" & "C" Watches—RAF Kai Tak—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Nursing Orderlies, Wednesday, December 10—Windsor House—5.15 p.m.—E/L Ramlee. Wireless Operator Section, Monday, December 8—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. then via Jordan Road Ferry. Thursday, December 11,—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. then via Jordan Road Ferry. M.T. Drivers. Sunday, December 14 —Kai Tak M.T. Section. 9 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 a.m. Equipment Section. Thursday, December 11—HKAAF Hangar —6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Grounderew. Friday, December 12—"A" & "B" Flights —HKAAF Hangar—2 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. Saturday, December 13—"B" Flight—HKAAF Hangar—2 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Sunday, December 14—"A" Flight—HKAAF Hangar—9 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 a.m.

Flying Programme. Ground Lecture—Aircrew, Thursday, December 11—All Pilots—"A" & "B" Flights—HQ RHKDF, 8 p.m.—9 p.m.—Lecture by F/L Munro—Pilots Instrument Rating. Transport leaves Murray Parade Ground at 5.45 p.m. Saturday, December 13—"B" Flight Aircrew—HKAAF Hangar—2 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 1.45 p.m. Sunday, December 14—"A" Flight Aircrew—HKAAF Hangar—9 a.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 a.m.

Hongkong WAAC

Training. Pay Parade, Monday, December 8, 1952, HQ RHKDF, 5.45 p.m. Dress: Uniform. Signals "A" Sec parade HQLF, 5.30 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 1952. "B" Sec parade HQLF, 5.30 p.m. Thursday, December 11, 1952. Stores Parade HQ RHKDF, December 11, 52, 5.45 p.m.

DEPUTY COMMANDANT, H.H.K.D.F.

Notice

HKAAF Hockey Team.—Personnel in possession of any hockey kit other than names mentioned below are asked to return them to the Stores at Kai Tak or HQ Happy Valley whichever is convenient immediately. Disciplinary action will be taken against personnel failing to return them. The following will not return their kit: Y. Aladin, M. Leung, G.F. Remedios, L.M. Sousse, K. Satyaver, B.W. Tipple, M.J. Zemen.

HKAAF—Winter Uniform. — With effect from December 3, 1952, all personnel will change over from summer to winter uniform.

St. John Ambulance Orders

Order issued by Comm. D. W. MacIntosh, CMG, OBE, CSU, Commissioner of St John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District Order No. 48/52 dated December 4, 1952.

Ambulance Duties — Hongkong—7.12.52 to 13.12.52. Causeway Bay Division; 14.12.52 to 20.12.52, Western District W.A. Division.

Ambulance Duties — Kowloon—8.12.52 to 14.12.52, Kong Wah & Tai Po Divisions; 15.12.52 to 21.12.52, Shamshuipo Division.

Penetration Squad Duties.—7.12.52, Dr Chan Kwong-fook & HKYMCA Nsg. Div.; 21.12.52, Dr Wong Yan-kwong & HKYMCA Nsg. Div.

Football Duties—Hongkong.—6.12.52, 2 p.m., Sookunpoo, Sth Nam; 7.12.51, 2 p.m., Club, K.C.O.B.; 7.12.52, 2 p.m., Navy, Central.

Football Duties—Kowloon.—Sun. 7.12.52, 2 p.m., Boundary Street, Kowloon Div.

Race Duties.—6.12.52, 1.30 p.m. Eastern Division (course), Wanchai "B" Division (H.Q.); 13.12.52, 1.30 p.m., Wanchai "B" Division (course) Eastern Division (HQ).

Hongkong Products Exhibition Duties:—13.12.52—18.12.52: Kowloon Amb. Div. & Kln. Y.M.C.A. Nsg. Div.; 19.12.52—21.12.52: Tsimshasui Amb. Div. & Shamshuipo Nsg. Div.; 22.12.52—25.12.52: Kong Wah Amb. Div. & Waterloo Nsg. Div.; 20.12.52—28.12.52: Kln. Y.M.C.A. Amb. Div. & Kln. Y.M.C.A. Nsg. Div.; 29.12.52—1.1.53: Mong Kok Amb. Div. & Shamshuipo Nsg. Div.; 2.1.53—4.1.53: Shamshuipo Amb. Div. & Waterloo Nsg. Div.

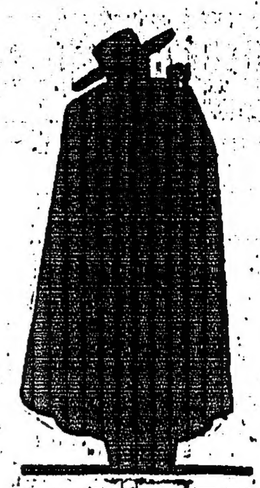
Note: Week-days: 4 men & 2 Nurses, 7.30 p.m.—11 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays: 4 men & 2 nurses, 3 p.m.—7.30 p.m.; 4 men & 2 nurses, 7.30 p.m.—11 p.m.

Equipment: 1 stretcher 1 set splints, Kowloon Amb. Division to provide: 1 first aid box—Ambulance Room to provide; 2 blankets, triangular bandages, haversacks & water-bottles to be brought by Division on duty.

Enrolments.—Shaukiwan K. F. Nsg. Division—Amb./Sis's. Yip Kam-ying, Lam Yee-mui, Chung Miu-chee, w.e.f. 24.11.52. Central Nursing Division—Amb./Sis's. Lee Lai-mui, Kwan Yat-lin, Ho Yin-ping, w.e.f. 24.11.52.

Transfer.—Cdt Sgt Chan Fook-chuen (Sleeman Cdt. Amb. Div.) transferred to Kowloon Y.M.C.A. Amb. Div. as adult member, w.e.f. 1.12.52.

FUNG PING-FAN, O.St.J., Assistant Commissioner, Colony Headquarters, St. J. A. B.



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There are 9 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day (17 in all).

Through Tickets (17 Races—$34.00) also tickets at $2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup Sweep" scheduled to be run on 24th January, 1953, may be obtained at the Cash Sweep Office of the Club at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road.

Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Friday, 5th December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Cash Sweep Office at Queen's Building, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

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All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at $10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Alexandra House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 10.30 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.15 a.m. the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Compradore Office is situated at Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, and the Secretary's Office at Alexandra House, 8th Floor.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure will be $3.00 per day including tax for all persons including Ladies and will be payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Public Enclosure during a Meeting will forfeit his or her right of admission to the Enclosure and will be required to pay the requisite fee of $2.00 in order to gain re-admission.

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Owing to the congestion in the Member's Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

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"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m.	9th Dec.
"HANYANG"	Bangkok	10 a.m.	9th Dec.
"FENGTIEN"	Djakarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	8 a.m.	10th Dec.
"POYANG"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	10 a.m.	13th Dec.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	3 p.m.	13th Dec.*
"PAKHOI"	Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m.	15th Dec.
"HUPEH"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	15th Dec.
"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	5 p.m.	24th Dec.

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ARRIVALS FROM

"SOOCHOW"	Keelung	6 p.m.	4th Dec.
"YOCHOW"	Osaka	7 a.m.	5th Dec.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai		6th Dec.
"HANYANG"	Kobe	7 a.m.	7th Dec.
"FENGTIEN"	Kobe		7th Dec.
"POYANG"	Singapore		10th Dec.
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"CLYTONEUS"	Liverpool, Dublin & Avonmouth	25th Dec.
"PERSEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool, & Glasgow	6th Jan.
"AENEAS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	12th Jan.

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S. "AENEAS"	do	—	24th Dec.
G. "ASCANIUS"	do	—	31st Dec.
S. "AGAPENOR"	5th Dec.	—	10th Jan 1953
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"BENREOCH"	Kure, Kobe and Yokohama.	19th Dec.
†"BENRINNES"	Havre, London, Rotterdam & Antwerp.	23rd Dec.
"BENVENUE"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Dublin, Rotterdam and Antwerp.	8th Jan.
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Hongkong, 3rd Dec., 1952.

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Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on the 8th December, 1952.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th December, 1952, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1952.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v. "CLYTONEOUS"

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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1952.

Colonial Students Entertained By MPs In London

London, Dec. 3.

Colonial visitors to London, particularly students, are welcoming an opportunity to meet Government Ministers, MPs and others actively connected with Commonwealth and Colonial affairs.

The London Young Conservatives Association is arranging a series of "get-together" evenings to which they will be invited.

At a recent meeting of 200 Conservatives and their overseas guests, Conservative M.Ps showed they were equally interested in meeting the Commonwealth representatives.

At the reception, held in the Mayfair home of Sir Wavell and Lady Wakefield, the M.P.s present included Lord Munster, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies; Mr Dodds Parker, Chairman of the Imperial Affairs Committee of the Conservative Party; Captain R. E. Ryder, V.C., Vice-Chairman; Mr A. E. Baldwin, Chairman of the East African sub-committee of the Conservative Party; Mr C. J. M. Alport; Mr E. Partridge.

Lord Munster, the Guest of Honour, represented Mr Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, whose absence in Kenya prevented him attending. Lord Munster set the keynote for the occasion.

A LONG WAY

In a speech to the guests, he said that he was pleased to be at the reception and to meet people from so many different territories.

He hoped that the occasion would mark the beginning of lasting friendship amongst those meeting for the first time.

Success of the evening can be gauged by comments from students. They expressed the hope that there would be more opportunities of this kind. One of them — an economics student from Nigeria — thought that such meetings went "a long way towards making overseas students feel at home in Britain."

This was the second of such meetings; the first was held last year. It is now hoped that they will take place two or three times each year. The vice-chairman of the London Young Conservatives, Mr Robert Vigars, said, "We are very interested in contacting overseas students and helping them to settle down here."

Refused To Tell

Washington, Dec. 3.

Mr Frank Coe, the economist who refused to tell Senate investigators whether he was ever a Communist or a wartime spy, was dismissed today as Secretary of the International Monetary Fund.—Reuter.

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"CARTHAGE"	11th December	12th Jan. 1953
"CORFU"	5th January	9th Feb. 1953

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Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CANTON"	19th December	19th Jan., 1953
"CARTHAGE"	16th January	16th February
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	sail's 19th Dec.	for Straits Rangoon, Calcutta

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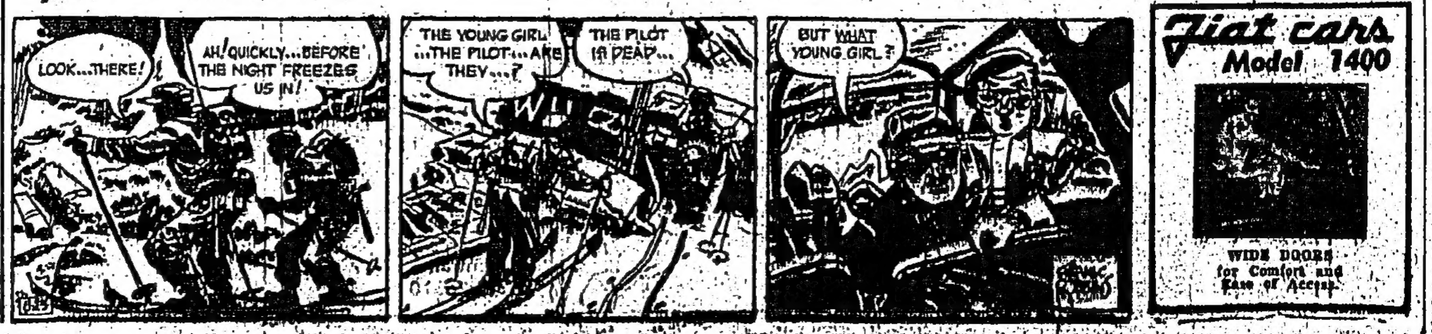

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U.S. Purchases Of Foreign Raw Materials

Washington, Dec. 3.

The American Iron and Steel Institute said yesterday that purchases of raw materials aboard for use in steel production in the United States amounted to an estimated $320,000,000 in 1951.

Purchases were made in 74 countries and territories.

The largest disbursement—to Canada—was $91,000,000, principally for nickel, iron ore, zinc and ferro-manganese.

The second largest—nearly $32,000,000—went to Europe (outside of Norway and Sweden but including Britain).

Tin was by far the most valuable material from that area although originating in other parts of the world.

Three regions came next each with values of around $27,000,000 to $28,000,000.

They were Norway and Sweden, which supplied mainly iron ore and ferro-alloys, India and Southern Asia sending principally tin but also manganese, tungsten and chrome ore, and East Asia, including the East Indies, Japan and neighbouring territories shipping a variety of materials including tin, various alloy ores and palm oil.—United Press.

CONVICT GIVEN 12 STROKES

Dartmoor, Dec. 3.

William Edward McGuire, 22, serving a sentence of 14 years imprisonment at Dartmoor after being convicted at Maidstone in November, 1950, for shooting at a policeman and shopbreaking, has been given 12 strokes for assaulting a warder in October.

The visiting Magistrate ordered that in addition McGuire should lose 12 months' remission of sentence and undergo a 18-day punishment of bread and water for meals.—Reuter.

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THE STERLING BALANCES

Problem Not As Formidable Today As In 1947

But Could Be Danger To Convertibility Scheme

London, Dec. 3.

An examination of the external payments of the Sterling Area, such as that now being undertaken by the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference, cannot fail to embrace the problem of the Sterling balances, says the "Financial Times."

Indeed, if it is the intention to draw up a programme for making Sterling convertible at the earliest possible time, recollections of the painful experiences of 1947 will ensure that this matter is kept well to the fore.

It is now generally conceded that the convertibility venture of 1947 would ultimately have proved a failure even if it had been possible to limit the application of the dollar conversion right to current account Sterling, the theoretical intention.

But there can be little doubt that the main reason why the scheme collapsed in such disastrous fashion is that it proved impossible in practice to prevent the conversion into dollars of large quantities of "old Sterling" many countries had available in the inflated balances inherited from the war.

Fortunately, the problem of the Sterling balances is now much less formidable than it was in the initial post-war period.

The total of the debts is not, it is true, materially lower than it was in 1947.

If the sums owed to the European Payments Union, which is a form of Sterling balance, are brought into the reckoning, the current total is about £3,600m. And this is no more than about 2 or 3 per cent short of the figure of five years ago.

In the interim, however, two developments have been at work.

REDUCED BURDEN

The first of these is the reduction in the real value of the debts caused by the rise in the world price level.

In terms of British goods, the purchasing power of the current total of the Sterling balances is only about 70 per cent of that of the 1947 total.

This means that the real burden any repayments may impose on the U.K. is correspondingly reduced.

Nor does this represent the full measure of the relief which the change in the world price level has brought about.

Many of the creditor countries have always regarded a substantial portion of their Sterling balances as a basic foreign exchange reserve or as a working balance needed for the finance of trade conducted in Sterling.

A DEEP BITE

In most cases it has been considered advisable to increase the monetary value of such reserves to take account of the fall in the purchasing power of the £.

The change in the price-level has thus bitten deeply into that portion of the Sterling balances which had been regarded as available for actual spending.

Countries like India and Pakistan, which were formerly so anxious to press for the early repayment of their Sterling balances, are now tending to guard what is still left.

The beneficial effect of the decline in the real value of the Sterling debts has been underlined by their re-distribution—which should make the task of controlling their use much easier in the future.

The portion of the total owned by the Colonies and other territories that can be directly controlled by Whitehall has, for instance, climbed from about a sixth to almost a third.

SEVERE FALL

The independent Sterling Area countries still possess about £1,500m of Sterling reserves.

But almost without exception these countries have experienced a severe fall in their balances during the past 18 months, net losses sustained by the group in the year to June 30 last having amounted to no less than £700m.

In the case of Australia and New Zealand the downward movement has just been reversed, but it was continuing up to quite recently in the case of the Asian group of self-governing Sterling countries—India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

All these countries are anxious to conserve what Sterling they now possess.

Then again, the re-distribution has reduced the balances held by non-Sterling countries—the part of the debt which, for obvious reasons, could be most troublesome—from £1,300m. in 1947 to £850m. today.

STILL AN OBSTACLE

And of the latter figure some £170m. is in Egypt's blocked accounts, while the bulk of the balance represents working balances held by other countries (mainly European) and are, therefore, unlikely to be heavily reduced in the normal course of events.

On the surface, all this is encouraging.

But it must not be argued that as a result of these developments Sterling balances no longer present a major obstacle to Sterling convertibility.

It may be true that at the moment holders of the balances can be counted upon in general to retain them.

But it could be a different story if an opportunity arose for the conversion of these balances into dollars.

A POSSIBILITY

The British authorities might, for instance, find themselves called upon to convert a substantial portion of present European holdings of £350m. And there are some Sterling Area countries that have always taken the view that they should have a larger gold and dollar element in their exchange reserves.

Pressure from either of these directions could wreck a new convertibility venture.

It is a possibility that must be fully considered in any plan.

Business Hopes Rising

New York, Dec. 3.

Business goes into the closing weeks of 1952 with confidence increasing — and fears of a slump being pushed farther back.

Industrial leaders, in New York for the annual meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers, look for good times—but no roaring boom—far into next year, they are being told.

Industrial production is at a peacetime record high, the Federal Reserve Board says.

Manufacturers' sales this autumn were the highest in history.

New orders for manufactured goods poured in at the highest rate of the year.

Financial leaders, gathered in Florida for the meeting of the Investment Bankers of America, also are getting encouraging predictions.

TAX REDUCTION

Taxes may come down somewhat next year, and more the following year. This year's Federal Budget may be held to around 70 billion dollars, instead of the 85 billion first talked of.

And there is talk that the present 75 per cent margin required for buying stocks may be cut, giving brokers—who have been enjoying an "I like Ike" bull market in recent days—hope of still more business.

Merchants, whose Yuletide business has been held back by a late Thanksgiving, still are expecting their biggest Christmas trade ever. The next three weeks, they say, could see the greatest crush of shoppers that stores ever have known. Merchants are told that people have bigger incomes this year—and can spend more if they want to. Confidence is likely to be contagious in the business world. Even foreign traders are catching it.

World trade has been dropping this year — both exports and imports trailing. But some are now predicting a reversal of this trend shortly. Others are saying that trade relations with Europe are getting more healthy, with the dollar gap steadily narrowing and Europe's financial prospects brighter than a few months ago.

HOPEFUL SIGNS

Two of businessmen's biggest uncertainties apparently are being resolved.

One was whether there would be a truce in Korea. This could upset some industrial plans. Russia's recent loud "No" to India's plans seems to have ended that hope, and America's defence programme will apparently continue at the scheduled pace.

Another thing that some businessmen had feared was that next month's change in the U.S. Federal administration would come as a jolt, with uncertainties all up and down the line.

President-elect Eisenhower, has named his cabinet in quick time.

And if some of his appointees may be not too familiar to all businessmen, many are expressing relief that the new men will have time to learn their jobs and take over without a hitch, both in domestic and foreign affairs. The public will have a chance to learn ahead of time what their policies are likely to be.

Another hopeful sign to many businessmen is that remaining governmental controls over prices and materials are being eased fast. Few expect Federal controls to survive far into the coming year.

CAUTIOUS NOTE

In the midst of all this optimism, however, some business leaders are sounding two notes of caution:

(1) A downturn, however slight, is still considered likely in another nine to twelve months.

(2) A "business administration" in Washington puts the responsibility squarely up to business. The public will be watching closely how businessmen handle what they are calling their better opportunities—and especially how they will handle a slump, should one develop.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $365,794. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1450		
East Asia	131		232 @ 152 100 @ 152
INSURANCES			
Canton	240		
Union	775		
Underwriters	6¼		
HK Fire	140		
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav.	1.50		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf		92½	
N. Pt. Wharf	0.40		
Dock		21.10	
Provident	12.70	13	
Provident (New)	0.10		
S'hai Dock		1.00	
Wheelock	40	50	1000 @ 40½
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	6¾	6.80	500 @ 6.90 100 @ 6.85 15000 @ 6.80
HK Land (O)	56½		
HK Land (N)	55½		
S'hai Land	1¼	1.35	
Humphreys	13.40	13.60	
UTILITIES			
Tram	22	22.40	100 @ 21.60 350 @ 22. 200 @ 22.
Star Ferry	117		
C. Light (O)	10.10	10.30	500 @ 10.10 2000 @ 10.20
C. Light (N)		6.70	2000 @ 6.65
Electric	23.40	23.70	1600 @ 23½ 1000 @ 23½
Macao Elec.		11.20	
Telephone	17.30		100 @ 17.40
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement		19½	
Rope		20.90	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy		20	1000 @ 19.90 250 @ 19.70 100 @ 19.80
COTTONS			
Ewo		2.35	

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	6.075
Sterling note (per £1)	16.57
Indonesian guilders (per 100)	27.50
Siam ticals (per 100)	34.00
Singapore (Straits)	18.32
FIC piastres (per 100)	11.60

JAPANESE BONDS

London, Dec. 3.

Japanese bonds	"A" (4s. of 1899)	68
"	"B" (4s. of 1910)	81
"	"C" (5s. of 1907)	130½
"	"D" (6s of 1934)	107¾
"	"E" (5½s. of 1930)	103½

—United Press.

"Wait & See" Attitude Over Japan

New York, Dec. 3.

American businessmen have adopted a cautious and hopeful attitude toward investment of their capital in Japan. This attitude amounts to a "wait and see" policy. Japan, prior to World War II, had reputation here for sound business practices, and American investors are now waiting to see whether the Japanese can restore a stable economy.

There are very few areas in the world at present that look attractive to U.S. investment capital. Canada is perhaps the best. There is a long list of countries which, in the Wall Street vernacular, have an "unfavourable climate" for investment.

American financiers are quite hopeful that Japan will soon join the circle in which the outlook is favourable.

Mr Edgar W. Smith, Vice-President of General Motors Overseas Corporation, summed up the attitude toward investment in Japan when he told the United Press: "The situation there is too new for us to tell about the investment possibilities."

The subject of foreign investment received major attention during last week's National Foreign Trade Convention here. The declaration, adopted by the delegates and which they hope will influence the foreign economic policy of the Eisenhower Administration, contained the following: "If favourable investment climates are to be created abroad, our Government must make it clear by word and action that American public funds will not be made available for projects which, under proper conditions, could be financed by private capital."—United Press.

Sales May Break The US Record

New York, Dec. 3.

Retail sales in the U.S. will reach an all-time high of $10,300,000,000 in December, Sales Management magazine predicts in its monthly forecast.

The publication said that this figure, representing a great seasonal upsurge that would break records in almost all retailing categories, would represent a gain of eight per cent over December 1951.

An exception to the record-setting trend, it said, will be Department stores with sales that have been trailing the general retailing pattern by almost four per cent.

Sales Management reported that some concern has been expressed over the fact that an unduly high proportion of new hard goods sales is being financed, and total consumer credit now is at a record high of $22,000,000,000.—Associated Press.

Dutch To Make Cortisone

Amsterdam, Dec. 2.

European production of synthetic cortisone will be initiated by the Dutch pharmaceutical industry in 1953.

For this production a costly plant is under construction now in the town of Oss, headquarters of this industry, Organon N. V. The factory building has been contracted for 349,700 Guilders. This is only a very small part of the costs of the cortisone plant.

It is expected that Organon will start full-scale cortisone production in May, 1953.—Associated Press.

SWISS HAVE A DEFICIT

Zurich, Dec. 3.

Switzerland booked a deficit with the European Payments Union in November of approximately 101 million francs, as a result of the transfer of a 100 million franc loan to France through the Union's books.

In October, Switzerland had a favourable balance of 13½ million francs.—Reuter.

Copra Quotation

New York, Dec. 3.

Copra was quoted today at $167.00 per short ton. Coconut oil was quoted at 14¼ cents a pound.—United Press.

Capital Flowing Into Singapore

Singapore, Dec. 3.

The Communist conquest of China caused capital from all parts of the world which formerly found its way into that country to pour into Singapore, the Colony's Financial Secretary, W.C. Taylor, said.

He said two factors attracting capital here were the low rate of income tax and the solid backing of sterling.

Mr Taylor said though there was a slump in the textile trade in the Colony at present, all other trades, especially the entertainment business, was thriving.—Associated Press.

Tobacco Control Hinted

London, Dec. 3.

Rigid control in planting Canada's Spring crop of tobacco may have to be exercised because Britain is cutting her imports by 75 per cent.

Mr N. A. Macrae, head of the Canadian Agriculture Department's Tobacco Division, said yesterday at the 14th annual Federal Provincial Agricultural Conference that Britain contemplates buying only £10,000,000 of Canadian tobacco next year.

This, he said, would be a reduction of 75 per cent of Canada's 1952 exports to dollar-short Britain.

Exports to the British West Indies and Australia were not expected to exceed £5,000,000 and there were no additional export outlets in sight.

"Therefore, the outlook for 1953 in general would appear to require some action which would result in a definite expansion of the domestic market, as well as an increase in exports of raw leaf," he said.

"Otherwise, the grower will be required to exercise drastic controls over plantings next Spring."—Reuter.

New York Stock Exchange

New York, Dec. 3.

Despite wide gains made by oils, the market closed lower with the setback attributed to a technical reaction after the post-election gains. Traders were optimistic, however, looking forward to renewed market vigour and an advance stemming partly from confidence in the business outlook.

Dealings totalled 1,710,000. Of 1,167 issues traded, 420 advanced, 842 declined and 305 were unchanged. Industrials were 81 cents lower, rails 60 and utilities 14. Oils gained. Some rails were higher about two, but many lost fractionally. Steels eased. Chemicals moved irregularly about a point each way.—United Press.

Seeds And Oils

New York, Dec. 3.

Prices in the seeds and oils market closed unchanged with the following exceptions:—

Tung oil, in tank cars, New York per lb. 35 cents.

Peanut oil, per lb. F.O.B. New York, 26 cents.—United Press.

LONDON RUBBER

London, Dec. 3.

The rubber market was quiet today. Prices closed as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, in pence per lb.	26¾-27
January	26¾-¾
March	26-26-¼
January/March	26¼-½
April/June	25¾
July/September	26¼-½

—United Press.

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"TJIPANAS"	Dec. 10	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"STRAAT SOENDA"	Dec. 10	Singapore, S. Africa & E. Africa
"TJITJALENGKA"	Dec. 11	Japan via Manila
"TJILUWAH"	Dec. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"RUYS"	Dec. 18	Japan
"TJIMENTENG"	Dec. 21	Japan
"TASMAN"	Dec. 26	Japan
"BOISSEVAIN"	Dec. 28	Japan
"TJIWANGI"	Jan. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIBODAS"	Jan. 7	Djakarta Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"RUYS"	Jan. 8	Manila, Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Jan. 10	Singapore, Penang, Belawan Deli, E. & S. Africa
"TASMAN"	Jan. 15	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"TJILUWAH"	Jan. 16	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIBANTJET"	Jan. 19	Japan
"TJIPONDOK"	Jan. 23	Djakarta Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIWANGI"	Feb. 2	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang Surabaia & Macassar
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Feb. 3	Japan
"TASMAN"	Feb. 4	Japan
"TJITJALENGKA"	Feb. 9	Singapore, Djakarta, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
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"TJIMENTENG"	Feb. 15	Manila, Singapore, E. & S. Africa
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Man In A Mask

YOUNG, he must have been strikingly handsome. Now, at 63, which these days is reckoned neither old nor young, but the elastic prime of a man's life, Oliver is still good-looking.

You could mistake him for an actor-manager of the old, declamatory school. He is tall, broad-shouldered, has a slight stoop, and wears his white hair long. "Leonine" would be the novelist's word for his fine head; I thought of him as the man in the mask.

For those looks of his, and his bearing, with its suggestion of swagger, formed a facade to conceal a life that seemed for the last few years to have been crumbling like an old, neglected building.

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FIVE years ago, Oliver was leading the sort of life hundreds of thousands of others lead, that seems sometimes humdrum while you lead it, but infinitely to be desired when you can lead it no longer. Many men plucked by war from jobs they had considered drab almost beyond endurance were amazed to find how good those jobs seemed, once, they had quit them. So it was with Oliver, though it was not war that brought upon him this realisation.

Five years ago, Oliver was living with his wife in a south coast town. He worked as a clerk. It was an unexciting job, and some may hold that Oliver's was at that time an unexciting existence. But it contained, as well as all the irritations, compensating small pleasures, and Oliver was content.

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FOUR years ago his wife died. Oliver's recovery from the blow was slow. He had hardly got on terms with himself and life again, when another blow fell. At the office, where he worked, he was told he was redundant.

For all that you may be in your prime at 60, it is not very easy to get a new job when you pass that age. For one thing, you upset sensitive superannuation schemes.

Oliver tried to find work. He failed, and he began to drift downwards; the whole edifice of his life, built up over those 63 years, began to crumble.

He began to drink—surgical spirit. He began to get into other sorts of minor trouble. The other day Oliver came to London, and he committed three crimes in the course of about 15 minutes.

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HE arrived at Victoria and tried to pass through the barrier by offering a platform ticket he had bought at the sea-side town where he lived, as a rail ticket for his journey.

The ticket collector, sizing him up, seeing only the handsome facade, was content to make a note of Oliver's address, and let him go. Oliver went to a hotel nearby, and from the cloakroom there, stole an overcoat. Presently, he returned to the station, and making no attempt to hide what he was doing picked up a parcel he saw lying with others in a pile, and made off with it.

A porter stopped him, and the police were called. Next morning, at Bow Street, Oliver pleaded guilty before Sir Laurence Dunne to all three crimes.

"He has twice been before courts this year," a police officer told the Chief Magistrate. "He was sent to prison for a month in January in the town where he lives, for shoplifting. In March he was discharged conditionally in the same court for travelling on the railway without a ticket."

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THE officer outlined for Sir Laurence what had happened to Oliver since the death of his wife. "He seems to be deteriorating rapidly," the policeman said, with what sounded like real concern in his voice.

"He certainly seemed on this occasion to be determined to get arrested for something," the Chief Magistrate observed.

He remanded Oliver in custody, so that the magistrates in the seaside town might be consulted regarding their conditional discharge of him.

Oliver left for the cells. He held his head high; there was still a little swagger left in his walk. The facade was preserved; he still wore the mask.

Following difficulties with the Soviet Guard at the Spandau Prison for war criminals, the British Commanding Officer of the City of Berlin, Major-General C. F. C. Coleman, made a formal protest to the Soviet authorities and ordered troops out to erect barbed wire. The Soviet Guard of the prison have continued to obstruct passage by night along a path bordering the prison grounds and prevented Germans from entering or leaving their homes in the immediate neighbourhood of the gaol. British troops are seen erecting the barbed wire fences near the prison. — London Express.

Taxi Driver Appeals Against Kowloon Magistrate's Ruling

An appeal against sentence was brought by Gu Chu-kwong, of 14, Yim Po Fong Street, driver of a public vehicle, before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice E.H. Williams, in the Appeal Court this morning.

Appellant was convicted by Mr D. E. Greenfield, Kowloon Magistrate, for driving a public vehicle without due care and attention near Playfield Road at Nathan Road at 2 p.m. on August 30 last, and fined $100. The Magistrate also ordered appellant's licence to be suspended for 12 months (subsequently reduced to six months on review) and further recommended that no taxi licence be issued to him again.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva, appeared for appellant. Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, represented the Crown. Insp. Chan was present for the Police.

Mr Bernacchi said that the appeal was against sentence "and with all due respect to the learned Magistrate my submission is that from beginning to end in respect to all the features of this sentence he acted upon entirely wrong principles."

After reading extracts from the statement of facts, Mr Bernacchi said that with respect, the learned Magistrate appeared on his own case to consider taxi drivers in general as being inclined to flaunt traffic regulations in general, and Counsel asked the Court not to pay any attention to the opinion of the Magistrate when he used such an expression as "stubborn licensee."

NO AGREEMENT

As regards the expression "he (appellant) agreed (to the facts presented by the Prosecution) in general" Counsel said that there was no record anywhere in the notes before his Lordship as to anything being agreed, let alone, any agreement to allegations of former offences.

Counsel said that in the statement of facts the learned Magistrate next dealt with the facts as related to him by the Police officer in charge. The facts were that complainant was driving a private motor car along Nathan Road at 20 miles per hour when near Playfield Road appellant's car suddenly cut in front of complainant's car, for the purpose of answering a hail from a woman passenger, causing complainant's car to turn right.

"VERY BAD RECORD"

Reading further from the statement of facts, Mr Bernacchi said that the Magistrate went on to say that defendant had a very bad record being suspended for three months without due care and attention and having 10 previous convictions for other traffic offences.

Counsel said that appellant pleaded guilty to the charge of driving without due care and attention, but on the statement of facts and having regard to the relatively moderate speeds involved (appellant was said to have been driving at 15 mph) there was in fact never any danger of any accident occurring, and that the learned Magistrate seemed to have brought to bear a personal feeling that taxi drivers flaunted traffic regulations and in consequence to have imposed, on his submission, quite an extraordinary sentence.

In answer to the Court, Mr Bernacchi said that the sentence imposed was a fine of $100, which he said he was not complaining about. The Magistrate suspended appellant's licence for originally 12 months but on review reduced to six months and also recommended, according to his own notes, that appellant was a taxi driver by profession who had a large family dependent upon him, should never have a taxi licence again.

WITHOUT SUBSTANCE

Referring to the Magistrate's notes that appellant had a very bad record, Mr Bernacchi said that there was no indication that that record was shown to him. The Magstrate never looked at that record at all, let alone inquire whether that record was admitted, Counsel said. Reading from the notes, Mr Bernacchi said that the Magistrate said, "This driver has a very bad record and does not seem to have learned his lesson. Clearly on the statement of facts I do not consider him suitable to be in possession of a licence and I make a recommendation to the Police Commissioner to have his licence suspended." Mr Bernacchi said that the words were entirely without substance. The Magistrate had imposed part of his sentence and Counsel said that not only should he not have done so, there was absolutely no authority anywhere to entitle him to make such recommendation.

Counsel submitted that such recommendation was neither justified by the facts nor was there any jurisdiction for the Magistrate to make it.

Mr Bernacchi said that Mr Blair-Kerr had just informed him that he conceded that point and he asked his Lordship whether he desired him to continue with his submission.

His Lordship said that as far as he was concerned he did not wish to hear Counsel on the question of recommendation, and he hoped that the Magistrate, when he came to deal with another case, would not take the opportunity of saying that neither Counsel drew his Lordship's attention to various regulations and so on, because it was absolutely unnecessary. In fact, Regulation 2 had nothing to do with the case in question. He had already ruled that there was no power whatever for a Magistrate to make such a recommendation.

Hearing is continuing.

7 Elephants Among Ship's Passengers

Seven baby elephants and a bear from the wilds of Cambodia were among passengers disembarking from the French luxury liner La Marseillaise at Kowloon Wharf this morning when she arrived from Saigon.

Trapped by Mr Noel Rosefelt, famous American wild-game hunter and representative of the Catalina Wild Life Expedition of Catalina Island, the elephants are to be trained for the Shriners' Circus next April in the United States.

"I have orders for more than 20 elephants—10 are waiting in India and another six in Bangkok—but this lot is an express shipment for the Shriners," Mr Rosefelt remarked.

The elephants age from nine months to three years. They were kept in open cages on the fore boat deck on the liner.

"They will be trained within three months' time for the circus," the famous hunter added.

Stole Camera From Room

Chan Chat, alias Chan Chiu, 31, unemployed, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for stealing a watch and for breach of a deportation order when he appeared before Mr R. W. S. Winter at Central this morning.

Sub-Insp. H. M. Day, prosecuting, revealed that Chan was at one time working in the Fire Brigade Building in an unofficial capacity, and that while there, he helped Revenue Insp. D. A. Harris move some furniture from one room to another, in the course of which, he saw a camera in one of the rooms.

Insp. Day said that on December 1, the accused went to Insp. Harris's room and stole the camera from an unlocked wardrobe.

Chan was arrested on December 2 by two detectives at the Tai Shing Pawnshop on Des Voeux Road Central where he tried to pawn the camera.

Later at the Police Station, he admitted stealing the camera, and said that he tried to pawn it for $100.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, Programme Summary: 6.02, It's Swingtime with George Gershwin; 6.30, Songs of the Prairie by James Moiton (Tenor); 6.45, Sidney Torch and his Orchestra; 7, Time Signal, and World News (London Relay); 7.10, The Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Economic Conference. A Talk by S. G. Holland, Prime Minister of New Zealand (London Relay); 7.15, Petite Suite, Da Concert (Debussy), ...L' Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts Du Conservatoire De Paris, cond. by Ernest Ansermet; 7.30, "Down Memory Lane" presented by Aileen Woods (Studio); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Studio Concert: Olive O'Rourke (Soprano) Accompanied by Moya Rea at the Piano George Parks (Piano); 8.30, Take it from here—with Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards; 9, Sports Review by Brig Young (Studio); 9.15, At the Opera—"Carmen" Acts 3 and 4 (Bizet)....Principals, Chorus and Orchestra of the Opera-Comique, Paris, conducted by Albert Wolff; 10.15, Music of the Twentieth Century; 10.40, Getting Sentimental with Tommy Dorsey and his Orchestra; 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music. God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

ORDERED TO LEAVE COLONY

A Japanese merchant who had been living in the Colony since February 8, 1951, was this morning fined $750 for illegal entry and was ordered to leave the Colony by Mr R.W.S. Winter at Central.

The accused, Koji Shibata, 30, came to the Colony last year on the ss Pak Hoi without obtaining permission from the Immigration Department here.

4 Lakhs Loss By Marsman, Ltd

OFFER BY SYNDICATE TO BUY COMPANY'S SHARES

A loss of $420,525.25 in their operations during the twelve months ending April 30 last was reported by the Chairman (Mr T. B. Wilson) at the 11th annual general meeting of Marsman Hongkong China Ltd, held in their offices in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building this morning.

Following the annual meeting an extraordinary meeting was called for the purpose of considering a special resolution that the Company go into voluntary liquidation.

The Chairman, proposing that the meeting be adjourned sine die, said that the Company had at the last moment succeeded in procuring an offer to buy all the shares of the Company at a figure which the Directors thought would be to the advantage of shareholders.

The meeting agreed to the adjournment sine die to enable the Directors to inform all shareholders of the terms of the offer now under consideration.

After the minutes of the 10th annual general meeting held last year had been approved, the Chairman addressed the meeting. He said:

You will have seen from the report that our operations over the twelve months ending April 30, 1952 have resulted in a loss of $420,525.25. This has been a great disappointment to your Directors who had hoped that during the year a more favourable trend in world conditions would have occurred with the resultant improvement in local business. As we are all too well aware, such improvement did not materialise.

The report we have submitted gives you a rather detailed account of the year's working. There is little else I can add which will clarify the situation.

The several contracts which we had undertaken were all faithfully completed.

COSTS RISE

The cost of materials and labour continued to rise throughout most of the period during which our contracts ran. Suppliers in the UK, the Continent and in Japan were harassed with shortage of raw materials and in many instances failed to ship. Sales which we had made had to be cancelled and in some instances orders for building materials for our own contracts were cancelled, by manufacturers necessitating our having to purchase locally at increased prices and consequent loss on our contracts. Also during the current year we have suffered serious delays and inconvenience and loss because of the exceptional rains experienced during the Spring and Summer months.

During the year bids were made for a number of important contracts. After careful investigation of the sites and taking into consideration the supply position, we were unable to get our prices below the middle bracket of tenders. No business therefore resulted, and though this was very disappointing it was clear that to meet such keen competition we could only do so at a loss.

Our mining property at Needle Hill was energetically developed by our Labour Compradores within the scope of the manual labour available. Good results were achieved and the question of installing mechanical plant was carefully considered. It was found that the cost of transport and installation would be high, and in view of the declining price of Wolfram Ore the project for full mechanisation was deferred.

CASTLE PEAK MINE—Negotiations were entered into with the owners of the adjoining property to permit the passage of wheeled vehicles over their lots in order to gain access to the mine. Without such wheeled access development would be seriously handicapped. The terms demanded were in our opinion out of reason, and in view of the falling price of Wolfram Ore it was decided to defer any capital expenditure in this respect. The matter has however been kept under review continuously.

HANDICAPPED

Our Trading Department, which is dependent upon the free movement of cargo in and out of this port, has been severely handicapped by the various restrictions and embargoes which have been put into effect. Efforts were made to reach new fields but results gave little encouragement.

Subsidiaries—Our Subsidiary, Messrs Marsman Metal & Trading Co., Ltd., made a small loss for the year, which has been amply provided for in our accounts to the amount of $10,000.00. Our other Subsidiary, South China Building Materials, Ltd., had earned a net profit of $30,514.00 during their fiscal year.

The Gold Mines in the Philippines are being hampered by a minimum wage law which is seriously interfering with production. The Philippine shares which your Company owns are being watched carefully and will be disposed of to the best possible advantage.

As you have been informed in the Report of the Directors very careful consideration has been given to the future of your Company. The Directors were of opinion that your interests would be best served by voluntary liquidation now, rather than to await any improvement in world conditions, which is the only sovereign remedy for free and safe enterprise. Certain circumstances have however arisen which have caused your Directors to modify the view expressed in the printed Report and this will be explained to you at the Extraordinary Meeting, which is to be held immediately following this General Meeting.

I now move the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts as submitted and after this has been seconded I will be glad to answer to the best of my ability any question shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr G. R. Huber seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr A. W. de Brockert, seconded by Mr H. J. Pearce, Messrs T. W. Wilson and E. R. Hill were re-elected Directors.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were also re-elected Auditors on the proposal of Mr Pearce, seconded by Mr Huber.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The Chairman next addressed the meeting on the following Special Resolution:

"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Mr Archibald Ritchie and Mr Charles Gow Smith of Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be appointed to act jointly and severally as liquidators for the purposes of such winding-up."

The Chairman said: It was intended at the calling of this Extraordinary Meeting to present to you a special resolution for placing your Company into voluntary liquidation.

Your Directors had given very careful consideration to this problem. They had made many endeavours to find a suitable solution to your Company's difficulties, having at all times the financial interest of the Shareholders at heart. It was eventually decided to ask you to approve our resolution to go to voluntary liquidation.

However, at the last moment, during the present week in fact, we have succeeded in procuring an offer to buy all the shares of the Company at a figure which we, your directors, think would be to your advantage.

Your Directors have reason to believe that more than 51% of the shares in the Company are available for sale at the offered figure, thereby giving control of the Company to the interested syndicate. However we have made it obligatory that if the deal is consummated the syndicate must purchase any and all shares offered by shareholders within a specified reasonable time. The price offered to you is 90 cents per share.

THE ALTERNATIVE

If you decide to liquidate your Company each shareholder will receive a problematical figure — eventually — after a period of months. If the proposed negotiations are consummated each shareholder will have the opportunity of selling his shares for cash—immediate payment—at a figure which we are satisfied will be the equal, if not in excess, of the final net liquidated return to you.

If this meeting is adjourned, as I am about to propose, full details will be mailed to all registered Shareholders.

I now propose that this extraordinary meeting called for the consideration of the Directors Special Resolution, be adjourned sine die to enable the directors to inform all shareholders of the terms now under consideration.

If any shareholder will now second my proposal, I shall be happy to endeavour to answer any questions the shareholders may wish to seek before putting the proposal for an adjournment to a vote.

Mr G. R. Huber seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Present at both meetings were Mr T. B. Wilson (Chairman), Mr E. R. Hill (Director), Mr H. J. Pearce (Managing Director), Mr T. L. Loo (Acting Secretary), Mr E. S. C. Brooks (of Hastings and Company), Mr C. G. Smith (representing the Auditors), and the following shareholders. — Messrs G. R. Huber, S. E. Lavrov and A. W. de Brockert.

Tsun Wan Fire Destroys Huts

About ten huts were destroyed by a fire which broke out at Tsun Wan shortly before 6 o'clock this morning. There were no casualties.

The area affected by the blaze measured about 70 feet by 70 feet and was located near the 9 mile-stone in the vicinity of the Tsun Wan Police Station.

Two fire engines were sent from the Tsun Wan and Mongkok Fire Brigade stations and the fire was extinguished within half an hour. A small number of persons were rendered homeless.

Living Language

Why we say Whist.

When we tell a noisy child to "whist" we mean that he must keep quiet. Similarly the game of cards was called "whist" because silence was necessary if it was to be played attentively and correctly.

Mail Notices

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

By Air

Philippines, N. Borneo, 4.30 p.m., C.P.A.

Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 5 p.m. C.P.A.L.

By Surface

Macao, 9 a.m.; 6 p.m., ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

By Air

Formosa, Japan, 9 a.m., via C.A.T.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 11 a.m., Air France.

Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Vietnam.

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m., P.A.L.

Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., (Seattle & Western States) Canada, 6 p.m., H.K.A./N.W.A.L.

N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m., Q.E.A.

Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Middle East, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

TRIAL OF MAU MAU LEADERS

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stations throughout the Colony, Mr Lyttelton said.

"Every person detained in police custody is provided with adequate sleeping accommodation and not called upon to do more than cleaning the cell and bedding. None is manacled while detained. A morning and evening meal are provided and blankets are issued at night.

"Persons in prison are in custody under the usual conditions as laid down in police ordinances."

Persons detained under emergency regulations are kept under conditions similar to those for debtors, except that rations are issued free.—Reuter.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

Let W's age in the third relevant year be m years, and let the amount by which his age is multiplied that year be £n. Then 5mn—30=2015. i.e., since m and n are both integers, each is equal to 23.

So in the final year Wapentake is 25, and therefore receives £425.

London Express Service.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"You got me into this! I ought to know better than to ask you for a date during the skiing season!"

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